

REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

—FOR THE—

FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1888-9.

SELECTMEN AND HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

LEVI S. GOULD. JOHN P. DEERING.
CHARLES W. HIGGINS.

TOWN CLERK.
JOHN LARRABEE.

TREASURER.
GEORGE NEWHALL.

COLLECTOR.
PARKER MERRILL.

ASSESSORS.

JOHN R. NORTON. MOSES BRIGGS.
ALBON W. PARKER.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

WINGATE P. SARGENT, <i>Chairman</i> , . . .	Term expires 1890.
WILBUR D. FISKE,	" " 1889.
JOHN R. JONES, deceased	
GEORGE L. MORSE, to fill vacancy. . . .	

COMMISSIONERS OF WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

DANIEL RUSSELL, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires 1890.
ROYAL P. BARRY,	" " 1891.
JOHN W. FARWELL,	" " 1889.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN O. NORRIS, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires 1890.
MRS. SARAH W. BRADBURY,	" " 1890.
JOHN C. MAKER,	" " 1891.
MRS. ARETHUSA K. MILLER,	" " 1891.
CHARLES F. LORING,	" " 1889.
MRS. A. B. P. WATERHOUSE,	" " 1889.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS. CHARLES A. PATCH.
CHARLES C. BARRY. MARY L. CHARLES.
RUBY F. FARWELL.

AUDITORS.

FRANK E. ORCUTT. WALTER I. NICKERSON.
GILBERT N. HARRIS.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

HENRY G. FIELDS, *Chairman*. JOHN SINGER, JR.
MRS. MARTHA D. BALE.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1888-89.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

NATHANIEL P. JONES,	. . . . .	Term expires 1891.
WILLIAM N. FOLSOM,	. . . . .	" " 1890.
JOHN W. FARWELL,	. . . . .	" " 1889.

CONSTABLES.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.	FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN.
HENRY B. NEWHALL.	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

ALFRED HOCKING, <i>Chairman</i>.	. . . . .	Term expires May 1, 1890.
WALTER BABB,	. . . . .	" " " 1889.
VICTOR C. KIRMES,	. . . . .	" " " 1891.
JOHN LARRABEE, <i>Town Clerk</i>.	. . . . .

ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. WILBUR LYNDE, <i>Chief</i> .	WALTER B. ELLIS.
SAMUEL LEAR, <i>Clerk</i> .	

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK, WEIGHERS OF HAY AND COAL.

SETH E. BENSON.	M. F. EASTMAN.
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SURVEYOR OF LUMBER.

HENRY A. LEONARD,

POUND KEEPER.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES.

GEORGE NEWHALL.	DANIEL RUSSELL.
JOHN LARRABEE.	

FENCE VIEWERS.

DEXTER PRATT.

WALTER C. STEVENS.

FIELD DRIVERS.

OTIS HOWARD.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

POLICE OFFICERS.

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN, *Chief*.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

REDFORD M. RAND.

JOHN W. DAVIS.

D. T. STOCKWELL.

CHARLES F. W. FOGG.

JAMES MARSHALL.

W. A. CASWELL.

A. WILBUR LYNDE.

OSBORNE E. DROWN.

CHARLES H. FULLER.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

HENRY BARRON.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

DEXTER PRATT.

CHASE C. WORTHEN.

CALVIN LOCKE.

JAMES MARSHALL.

HENRY BARRON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Melrose:

Herewith we respectfully submit our annual report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

HIGHWAYS.

Your appropriation of \$6,000 (\$500 less than in 1887) together with \$2,750 appropriated for the purpose of rebuilding Gooch, Sewall, School, Larrabee, Albion, Swains Pond Avenue and Second streets, has been carefully, economically, and we think, judiciously expended. The town still suffers from lack of suitable gravel at convenient points, and the cost of transportation from where it is found, adds very materially to the expense of road-making. The only blue gravel pits now available are those belonging to the Boston & Maine Railroad, at Island Hill, Malden, and two at the Highlands near the Wakefield line, involving in either case a very long haul. Common gravel unsuited to heavily traveled thoroughfares can be obtained at other and somewhat nearer points, but the best article is very rapidly disappearing, and it is evident that crushed stone must be resorted to as the principal material in the near future. This method of road-making will give far better results, but at increased expense. At the November meeting we were instructed to purchase a stone crusher. To operate this machine it would be wise to make a liberal appropriation.

WIDENING OF MAIN STREET AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Following your instructions voted at the November meeting we advertised for proposals and received the appended bids, viz.:—

From Amos W. Lynde, Melrose,	\$4,737
“ Robert Philpot, “	3,700
“ Levi H. Carter, Lawrence,	3,475
“ Walter B. Ellis, Melrose,	2,795
“ Edw. McKenna & Co., Hyde Park,	2,550

The contract was consequently awarded to the lowest bidders, Messrs. Edw. McKenna & Co., who are making excellent progress with the work which, when completed, will give a broad avenue from the Malden line to Mount Vernon street, at a nominal expense to the town, considering the value gained as a great public improvement.

WIDENING OF MAPLE STREET.

We have paid the sum voted by the town as land damages for the widening of this street opposite the Vinton street school house, and it will be necessary to appropriate \$508 to cover that amount.

DRAIN AND CATCH BASINS ON FRANKLIN AND EMERSON STREETS.

These much needed improvements have been constructed in accordance with your votes, and we are pleased to say serve their purpose admirably.

NUMBERING OF STREETS.

Following your instructions the streets of the town have been properly numbered, and accurate plans of the work are in the hands of the Town Clerk for examination of parties interested. These plans will serve as a guide whereby to number all new buildings hereafter erected, and should be consulted in every instance to prevent confusion.

FIRE ALARM.

Your committee contracted with the Gamewell Co., who

performed their work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and we congratulate the town on the possession of as good a system as the amount appropriated could possibly obtain.

SOLDIERS' LOT IN WYOMING CEMETERY.

The following communication, addressed to the Cemetery Committee, by the Selectmen of 1887, is self-explanatory :

To the Cemetery Committee of the Town of Melrose.

GENTLEMEN:—Whereas, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town held on the ninth day of June A. D., 1863, under Article 6 of the warrant, which was "To see if the Town will set off and appropriate as a free burial place a portion of the new cemetery for the use of those soldiers engaged in the present war, and the families of such as may choose to use the same," it was voted,

"That the Selectmen be authorized to set apart a portion of the new cemetery for the use of those soldiers engaged in the present war and the families of such soldiers as may choose to use the same." (Town Records, Book 1, Page 425,) and whereas, application has been made to this Board by a soldier who enlisted on the quota of this town and rendered service, for a suitable burial place for a member of his family, and upon examination we find that the vote of the town, with one exception, has not been complied with; we have therefore set apart in Wyoming Cemetery, a plot of land which embraces lots numbered from 648 to 664, on the plan of said cemetery, to be hereafter known as the "Soldiers' Lots," to be given such persons as may apply for the same in accordance with the vote passed by the town.

LEVI S. GOULD,	} Selectmen of Melrose.
JOHN B. SOUTHER.	
J. P. DEERING.	

We recommend that the town make an appropriation to put these lots in suitable condition, as this portion of our cemetery has never been properly laid out and graded.

MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

The Cemetery Committee have moved the hearse house, put in a new fence on the Main street side, and made other repairs rendered necessary. The sidewalk should be raised to correspond with the line of the fence at that point, and a specific sum for that purpose should be added to the appropriation for concrete sidewalks.

MELROSE COMMON.

We have expended in conjunction with the Improvement Society, the sum of \$150, voted at the annual meeting, for the purpose of planting trees, etc., and also take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a donation of \$50 from George W. Farnsworth, Esq., which was applied to the same general improvement.

MELROSE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

This organization under the management of its public spirited president, W. N. Folsom, Esq., still continues its good work, and is entitled to the support and encouragement of every citizen.

GIFT TO THE MALDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In accordance with your direction we forwarded to the treasurer of the city of Malden a check for the sum of \$100 to which the engineers added \$100, as an acknowledgment of the valuable service rendered at two fires in our town by the Steam Fire Engine Co. These checks were respectfully returned and the sum of \$100 appropriated still remains in the hands of our treasurer. We await your instruction as to its final disposition.

THE CASE OF EDWARD HARRIMAN VS. THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

This suit was for personal damages alleged to have occurred near the bridge on Howard street. The town was defended by Col. F. S. Hesseltine, and won the case.

SUITS NOW PENDING.

Justus Geist for alleged damage by overflow of Ell Pond brook ; A. V. Lynde for alleged trespass or damage to his property by the combined boards of water commissioners; Noyes Ames for damages on Washington street, occasioned by the water pipe of the city of Malden, which is being defended by their city solicitor, and will be settled by them, if judgment should be obtained, and the case of Fox & Boerum for damages to a horse, which the selectmen did not feel justified in settling.

POLICE.

We recommend an increased appropriation for this department, as the citizens are continually demanding extra protection which it is impossible for the selectmen to furnish under the present limited amount at their command.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

(J. P. DEERING, Chairman.)

There have been reported to the Board 66 cases of contagious diseases during the year, classified as follows :

MONTHS.	Scarlet Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Diphtheria.
January	7	—	—
February	17	—	—
March	9	—	1
April	6	—	1
May	4	—	—
June	—	—	1
July	1	2	—
August	1	—	1
September	—	—	2
October	1	1	4
November	2	1	—
December	1	3	—
	49	7	10

With the exception of the prevalence of scarlet fever, which at the close of the previous year was fast assuming an epidemical form, the record of this class of diseases certainly speaks well for the general sanitary condition of the town. The Board desire at this time to acknowledge the timely and efficient service rendered by the school committee and teachers in their efforts to suppress the further spread of this dread disease among the children attendant upon our public schools.

During the year thirty-seven notices have been issued to owners or agents regarding nuisances existing on or about their premises. These orders from the Board have in all cases received the immediate attention of the parties on whom they were served.

At the November meeting the Board were directed to examine into and cause to be removed, all drains emptying into Ell Pond brook. Acting under these instructions we made personal inspection of all the territory bordering thereon, also of the brooks and ditches that were tributary thereto. As the result of our investigation, twenty-five notices were served directing the immediate removal of such drains and nuisances there existing.

Upon the proper drainage of our town depends largely its future sanitary condition; this subject is one that is now being widely discussed, and the report of the committee appointed by the town to investigate the North Metropolitan System now before the Legislature, will be awaited with interest.

The Board recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of this Department, for the ensuing year.

In conclusion we are happy to state that the town is in excellent condition financially and otherwise, and none of the appropriations have been exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI S. GOULD.

JOHN P. DEERING.

CHAS. W. HIGGINS.

Selectmen of Melrose.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Twelve insane persons have been boarded in different State Hospitals during the whole or a part of the year, at a cost of one thousand five hundred and ninety-one dollars and eighty-four cents. See financial column of this report. The whole number of those who have received more or less aid during the year, is ninety-two, sixteen of whom have their settlements in other places, for whose support we are reimbursed. Of the entire number, sixty-four belong to the class temporarily aided, although several of these have been aided to an extent almost bordering upon full support. The number of persons fully supported is twenty-eight. Of those who are at present fully supported, and who would properly become inmates of an almshouse, there are nine males and seven females, most of whom are aged and infirm, and wholly incapacitated for labor.

We will not take the time or space to report the arguments or reasons that might be urged, or that were substantially given in former reports, that a more efficient relief of our fully supported poor might be had by having almshouse accommodations of our own. The Board recommend an appropriation of \$5,000, together with receipts and unexpended balance to the credit of this fund.

H. G. FIELDS,
M. D. BALE,
JOHN SINGER, JR.,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Annual Meeting, March 5, 1888, 7 A. M.

ARTICLE I OF THE WARRANT. To choose a moderator.
Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To bring in votes on one ballot for selectmen, overseers of poor, clerk, treasurer, collector, assessors, and other officers.

To bring in votes, upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "Yes" or "No."

Voted, That the officers elected this day shall consist of three selectmen, who shall also be highway surveyors, three overseers of the poor, one clerk, one treasurer, one collector of taxes, three assessors, one water commissioner for three years, one water loan sinking fund commissioner for three years, two school committee for three years, five trustees of the public library, three auditors, and three constables.

Voted, That the transaction of town business, other than voting, be postponed to 7.30 P. M., and that when this meeting adjourns it shall be to that time.

Polls opened.

Voted, To close the polls at 5 P. M.

Voted, That our Representative in the Legislature is hereby urgently requested to oppose the passage of House Bill No. 171, entitled "an act to incorporate the Boston Suburban Land Company," and to authorize said company to acquire, purchase, hold and build on land having a water shed into Spot Pond, and that the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commissioners of Melrose, are hereby appointed a

committee to co-operate with him in opposing the passage of said bill.

Tellers appointed and sworn : Elisha B. Sears, George W. Burke.

At 5 P. M. the polls were closed, and the following persons were declared elected to office by the Moderator.

Selectmen and Highway Surveyors.—Levi S. Gould, John P. Deering, Charles W. Higgins.

Overseers of the Poor.—Henry G. Fields, John Singer, Jr., Martha D. Bale.

Town Clerk.—John Larrabee.

Town Treasurer.—George Newhall.

Collector of Taxes.—Parker Merrill.

Assessors.—John R. Norton, Moses Briggs, Albon W. Parker.

Water Commissioner for 3 years.—John R. Jones.

Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for 3 years.—Royal P. Barry.

School Committee for 3 years.—Arethusa K. Miller, John C. Maker.

Trustees of the Public Library.—Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Charles A. Patch, Ruby F. Farwell, Mary L. Charles.

Auditors.—Frank E. Orcutt, Walter I. Nickerson, Gilbert N. Harris.

Constables.—Ansel B. Pierce, Frank M. McLaughlin, Henry B. Newhall.

LICENSE QUESTION.

"Yes," three votes ; "No," five hundred and ninety-five votes.

Voted, To adjourn.

Adjourned Meeting, March 5, 1888, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.—Seth E. Benson, M. F. Eastman.

Surveyor of Lumber.—Henry A. Leonard.

Committee on Cemeteries.—George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee.

Fence Viewers.—Dexter Pratt, Walter C. Stevens.

Pound Keeper.—W. Truman Howard.

Field Drivers.—Otis Howard, Frank Gibbons, Henry B. Newhall, W. Truman Howard.

Scaler of Weights and Measures.—Ansel B. Pierce.

ART. 4. To authorize the town treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the town, with the approval of the selectmen.

Voted, unanimously, that the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans ; also to hire money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, to meet expenses, and issue notes of the town therefor.

ART. 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee appointed at meeting held Nov. 12, 1887.

Report read and accepted.

ART. 6. To raise money for schools.

Voted, To raise twenty-one thousand, five hundred dollars, which together with the unexpended balance from last year is hereby appropriated.

ART. 7. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise four thousand dollars and the unexpended balance from last year also appropriated.

ART. 8. To raise money for highways.

Voted, To raise six thousand dollars.

ART. 9. To raise money for sidewalks.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars, of which amount, five hundred dollars shall be devoted to repairs on existing walks, and the remainder to be expended in the same manner as in previous years.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to assess one-half the cost of repairing walks for concrete upon abutters.

ART. 10. To raise money for crossings and gutters.

Voted, To raise six hundred dollars.

ART. 11. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars.

ART. 12. To raise money for the Fire Department.

Voted, To raise two thousand, one hundred dollars.

ART. 13. To raise money for lighting and care of street lamps.

Voted, To raise four thousand five hundred dollars, of which amount, one thousand dollars shall be expended for the furnishing of ten electric lights in addition to the number already located, said lights to be placed by the selectmen where most needed; unexpended balance from last year also appropriated.

ART. 14. To raise money for additional street lamps.

Voted, To raise one hundred and fifty dollars.

ART. 15. To raise money for police and watchmen.

Voted, To raise two thousand five hundred dollars.

ART. 16. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise one thousand four hundred dollars.

ART. 17. To raise money to pay interest on the town debt.

Voted, To raise five thousand five hundred dollars, and the unexpended balance from last year also appropriated.

ART. 18. To raise money for the reduction of the town debt.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars.

ART. 19. To raise money for the public library.

Voted, To raise seven hundred and fifty dollars, and the dog tax when received to be appropriated for the same purpose.

ART. 20. To raise money to defray expenses of the Board of Health.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars.

ART. 21. To raise money for the use of water in hydrants, public buildings, etc.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars.

ART. 22. To raise money for salaries of town officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the town.

Voted, To raise three thousand dollars, that the salaries of town officers shall be as follows: auditors, twenty-five dollars each; registrars of voters, twenty-five dollars each; overseers of poor, chairman, two hundred dollars; other members, fifty dollars each; selectmen, two hundred dollars each; treasurer, five hundred dollars; town clerk, three hundred dollars; assessors, one hundred and fifty dollars each; and that the other officers' salaries shall be the same as paid last year.

Voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for such clerical services as may be required by the assessors.

Voted, That the chairman of the school committee be paid the sum of two hundred dollars for his services for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To raise money for drainage, bridges and culverts.

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars.

ART. 24. To raise money for any other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for Town Hall, running expenses, six hundred dollars ; military aid, three hundred dollars ; insurance, six hundred dollars ; deficiencies in accounts, 1887, three hundred and fifty-four dollars and three cents.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to pay in addition to the sum raised for the running expenses of the Town Hall, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars in anticipation of the revenue of said building.

Voted, That of the sum raised for highways, two hundred dollars, shall be expended for trimming trees, cleaning the streets of rubbish, etc.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year, and all other funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated at this meeting, be applied to the reduction of the town debt.

ART. 25. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all single poll taxes be made payable on or before Aug. 1, 1888 ; that all other taxes be made payable on or before Oct. 1, 1888 ; and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date at the rate of six per centum per annum ; that all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1889, be sold by the collector, in accordance with the provisions of law, and that he be instructed to strictly carry out the provisions of the above vote.

ART. 26. To authorize the town treasurer to issue water fund bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of construction for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to issue and sell ten water fund bonds, series of 1887, for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing water works for the ensuing year.

ART. 27. (Public park) laid on table.

ART. 28. To see what action the town will take in regard to expending a sum of money on First street on petition of W. N. Folsom and others.

Voted, To raise three hundred dollars for repairs on said street.

ART. 29. (Watering streets) laid on table.

ART. 30. To see if the town will provide police patrol both day and night at Melrose Highlands, on petition of John G. Taylor and others.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone.

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take to establish telephonic or electrical communication between the outlying districts and the centre for fire alarm and police service.

Voted, That Levi S. Gould, Walter B. Ellis, A. Wilbur Lynde, John Singer, Jr., George T. Brown, John B. Souther and John P. Deering be a committee to investigate and report at the adjourned meeting.

ART. 32. To see if the town will raise the sum of two hundred dollars for keeping in repair and decorating the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars.

ART. 33. To see what action the town will take in the matter of laying drain pipe through a brook which runs northwesterly by Linwood avenue, opposite land of James Rendall.

Voted, That M. S. Page, W. D. Fiske and H. A. Leonard be a committee to examine into the matter, have the premises surveyed, if necessary, and report at the adjourned meeting.

ART. 34. (By-laws) laid on table.

Voted, To adjourn to Monday evening, March 19, at 7.30 o'clock.

Adjourned Meeting, March 19, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 39.

Voted, That the vote of the town, passed March 5, 1888, instructing the boards of selectmen and water commissioners to aid our representative to the General Court in opposing the passage in the legislature, of House bill numbered 171, being a bill to incorporate the Boston Suburban Land Company, does not bind our representative and the boards of selectmen and water commissioners to oppose any bill that may in the future be reported to the Legislature in a re-draft or in an amended form incorporating said Company, provided that said bill renders impossible any contamination of the water shed or water supply of Spot Pond, and that they be left to act at their own discretion, and in accordance with what appears to them to be for the best interest of the town.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take relating to the purchase of land for a public park, and pass any vote or votes thereon which may be considered necessary in the premises, on petition of the park commissioners elect.

Report of the park commissioners read and accepted.

On a motion that the park commissioners be authorized, to purchase certain land on the northerly side of Crystal Lake, it was voted to indefinitely postpone the whole matter. On a motion to reconsider, not a vote.

ART. 23. (Drainage.)

Voted, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised and added to the drainage appropriation, for the purpose of laying a drain from the corner of Emerson and Myrtle streets to connect with drain in Winthrop street, and for the building of catch basins in connection therewith.

ART. 31. (Fire alarm.)

On a motion that the town appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars for the purchase of the Gamewell Fire Alarm system.

Voted, To lay the motion on the table.

ART. 29. Passed over.

Voted, To adjourn to Monday, March 26, 1888, at 7.30 p. m.

Adjourned Meeting, March 26, 1888, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 16. (Contingent expenses.)

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised, in addition to the amount already voted for contingent expenses, and that the town treasurer be authorized to pay bills not exceeding that amount, on approval of the Selectmen, for the expense of surveying and examining land for the Park Commissioners.

ART. 35. To see if the town will purchase the whole or any portion of the Mountain House lot for a public square and raise or appropriate money for the same on petition of M. S. Page, E. H. Goss, Daniel Norton and others.

Voted, That this article be referred to the selectmen, to take such legal action as deemed necessary in the premises and report to the town at next meeting.

ART. 31. (Fire alarm.)

Voted, That the subject matter of this article be referred to a committee consisting of the board of selectmen, Royal P. Barry and S. H. Buttrick, who shall have full power and authority to purchase and cause to be constructed, a fire alarm system, which in their judgment shall be adequate to the needs of the town, and that the sum of seventeen hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the purposes named.

ART 29. To see if the town will grant to H. C. Richardson, without charge, the use of water from stand pipes, for the purpose of watering the streets, and also erect two stand pipes where needed, on petition of S. S. Bugbee and others.

Voted, That the town erect two stand-pipes and pay for the same out of the contingent appropriation, and that Henry C. Richardson, or any other person who proposes to water the streets in a similar manner, be granted a permit to take water for that purpose, free of charge, under the direction of the water commissioners.

ART. 37. To see if the town will accept the following streets as laid out by the selectmen, viz :—

1. An extension of Mt. Vernon street easterly.
2. Street running from Wyoming avenue southerly to the proposed extension of Mt. Vernon street.
3. Street running from Upham street southerly to Grove street, now known as Fourth street.
4. Street running from Upham street southerly to First street, now known as Tenth street.
5. Street running from the boundary line between Malden and Melrose, at a point near Lebanon street, northerly and easterly around Swains Pond, then westerly until it intersects with Swains Pond avenue, known as the "Old Road," or "Back street."
6. Street running from Upham street northerly to Porter street, now known as School street.
7. Street running from First street southerly to Grove street, now known as Fifth street.
8. Street running from Melrose street northerly and easterly to Franklin street, now known as Albion street.
9. Street running from Wyoming avenue southerly to Borneo street (so called) now known as Pleasant street.
10. Street running from Washington street easterly to Pleasant street (so called) now known as Borneo street.
11. Street running from Washington street northerly to Borneo street, now known as Para street.
12. An extension of Second street easterly, about 700 feet.

ART. 38. To raise money for the building of new streets which may be accepted at this meeting.

SECTIONS 1 AND 2. *Voted*, That action on the reports of the selectmen laying out an extension of Mount Vernon street and Brown street be postponed until the November meeting.

SEC. 3. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Gooch street, and that \$500 be raised for the building of the same.

SEC. 4. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter

known as Sewall street, and that \$150 be raised for the building of the same.

SEC. 5. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Swains Pond Avenue, and that \$1,000 be raised toward the building of the street.

SEC. 6. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as School street, and that \$300 be raised for the building of the street.

SEC. 7. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Larrabee street, and that \$300 be raised for the building of the street.

SEC. 8. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Albion street, and that \$300 be raised for the building of the street.

SECS. 9 and 11. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Pleasant street, its entire length, viz:—from Wyoming avenue to Washington street.

SEC. 10. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Gould street.

SEC. 12. Report read.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, to be hereafter known as Second street, and that \$200 be raised for the building of the street.

ART. 33. (Drain through brook, Linwood avenue.) Report of committee read and accepted.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone further action on the article.

ART. 36. To see if the town will provide for the surveying and numbering of the estates and lots upon the different streets of the town as a prerequisite for a free postal delivery.

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of surveying and numbering the estates and lots upon the different streets of the town and that the board of selectmen, Moses S. Page and C. W. Ellison be a committee to attend to the matter.

ART. 12. (Fire Department.)

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and added to the Fire Department appropriation and that said sum be paid to the Fire Department of the city of Malden, for services rendered at the late fire at the Highlands.

ART. 34. To hear and act upon the report of the committee on "By-Laws." Report of the committee accepted.

Voted, That the By-Laws, as amended, be accepted and adopted by the Town, to go into effect from and after their approval by the Superior Court, or by a Justice thereof.

ART. 24. To raise money for any other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the setting out of trees and the improvement of Melrose Common, to be expended under the direction of the Melrose Improvement Society. George W. Farnsworth, Esq. then offered to add fifty dollars to the above appropriation.

Voted, That the thanks of the town be extended to Mr. Farnsworth for his liberal offer.

ART. 39. Report of selectmen on guide boards read and accepted.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Meeting, April 30, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator. Chose, Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To see if the town will purchase a steam fire engine, horses, etc., raise or appropriate money for the same, or authorize the treasurer to borrow the amount necessary, on petition of Francis Bennett and sixty others.

On a motion that the treasurer be authorized to borrow six thousand dollars for the purposes named, the vote was taken by check list and resulted as follows: "Yes" ballots cast 164; "No" ballots cast 143; total 307; two-thirds not voting in the affirmative as required by law, it was declared not a vote.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept a widening of the easterly end of Maple street, at its junction with Vinton street, and authorize the treasurer to pay damages as awarded by the selectmen. Report read.

Voted, unanimously, To accept and adopt the recommendations therein contained and that the treasurer be authorized to pay damages as awarded.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept that portion of Cedar Park, parallel with the Boston and Main railroad, as laid out by the selectmen, and discontinue so much of said Cedar Park as is now occupied by the Boston and Maine railroad for depot purposes.

Report read and accepted.

Voted, To discontinue so much of Cedar Park running southerly, parallel with the Boston and Maine railroad, as is now occupied by said railroad for depot purposes, and to accept the re-location of said Cedar Park as laid out by the selectmen.

ART. 5. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on Howard street and authorize the treasurer to borrow money for the same, on petition of William T. Kennedy and others.

Voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the building of a sidewalk on Howard street, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to the removal of any and all buildings which are located upon or within the lines of Ell Pond brook as laid out by the commissioners, and to pass any vote or votes deemed necessary to regulate or prevent drainage into said brook.

Voted, unanimously, That a committee of three be appointed to examine into the matter and report at the next town meeting.

Committee appointed, Nathan D. Blake, George W. Burke, Walter C. Stevens.

ART. 7. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Voted, unanimously, That the cemetery committee be authorized to remove from its present location the hearse house in the Main street cemetery, also to re-set headstones, repair fences, and make other needed improvements in the said cemetery, at an expense not exceeding \$500, said sum to be paid out of any fund now or that may be received into the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Voted, To adjourn.

Meeting November 6, at 7 A. M.

ART. 1. To bring in votes to the selectmen for National, State and county officers.

Polls opened at 7 A. M. At 9 A. M., *Voted*, To take up

ART. 2. To choose a moderator to preside for the transaction of town business.

Chose Levi S. Gould.

Voted, That the farther transaction of town business be postponed to Thursday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, and that when this meeting adjourns it shall be to that time.

Victor C. Kirmes, George R. Jones and Stephen A. Lovejoy appointed to check the lists, and duly sworn.

Result of the voting under Art. I, as declared. Total number of ballots cast, 1353.

For Presidential Electors.

	VOTES.
Republican,	848
Democratic,	461
Prohibitory,	42

For Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton,	844
William E. Russell of Cambridge,	460
William H. Earle of Worcester,	43
Elijah A. Morse,	1

For Lieutenant-Governor,

John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington,	868
John W. Corcoran of Clinton,	439
John Bascom of Williamstown,	44
Blank votes,	2

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington,	866
William N. Osgood of Boston,	445
Henry C. Smith of Williamsburg,	42

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

George A. Marden of Lowell,	866
Henry C. Thatcher of Yarmouth,	445
John M. Fisher of Attleborough,	42

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield	865
William A. Williams, of Worcester	446
Edmund M. Stowe, of Hudson	42

For Attorney General.

Andrew J. Waterman, of Pittsfield	865
Samuel O. Lamb, of Greenfield	446
Allen Coffin, of Nantucket	42

For Representative to Congress, Sixth District.

Henry Cabot Lodge, of Nahant . . . , .	859
Roland G. Usher, of Lynn	455
George A. Crossman, of Swampscott	36
H. C. Lodge, of Lynn	1
Henry Cabot Lodge, of Lynn	1

For Councillor, Sixth District.

Francis Jewett, of Lowell	864
Charles J. Williams, of Acton	446
James K. Fellows, of Lowell	42
Blank vote	1

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Alonzo H. Evans, of Everett	863
Lorin L. Fuller, of Malden	446
George M. Buttrick, of Everett	40
Blank votes	4

For County Commissioner.

Samuel O. Upham, of Waltham	787
Alphonso M. Lunt, of Cambridge , . . .	523
George Pillsbury, of Tewksbury	42
Blank vote	1

For County Treasurer.

Joseph O. Hayden, of Somerville	1,309
Joseph G. Ball, of Cambridge	42
Blank votes	2

For Register of Probate and Insolvency.

Joseph H. Tyler, of Winchester	1,309
William H. Partridge of Newton	42
Blank votes	2

For Register of Deeds, Southern District.

Charles B. Stevens, of Cambridge	1,310
Walter K. Fobes, of Somerville	42

For Register of Deeds, Northern District.

Charles A. Lester, of Lowell	42
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For Representative to the General Court, Eleventh Middlesex District.

William E. Barrett of Melrose	915
Walter Babb, of Melrose ,	431
George W. Dew	1
Blank votes	6

The ballot box registered as follows : 7.30, 200 ; 8.30, 552 ; 9.30, 687 ; 10, 750 ; 10.30, 806 ; 12 M., 900 ; 1.15, 1060 ; 2.15, 1065 ; 2.45, 1200 ; 3.25, 1255 ; 3.50, 1315 ; 4.17, 1340 ; 4.30, 1352.

Voted, To adjourn.

Adjourned Meeting, November 8, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised.

Amended and accepted.

ART. 4. To see if the town will appropriate money for the purpose of draining Cedar Park, on petition of E. H. Goss and others.

Voted, That the selectmen be instructed to properly drain Cedar Park, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow three hundred dollars to pay for the same.

ART. 5. To see if the town will construct a catch-basin on Franklin street, and lay drain pipe through Warren street, and appropriate or borrow money for the same, on petition of Edward Smith and others.

Voted, That the selectmen be instructed to build proper catch-basins, and connect pipe therewith, in accordance with report of surveyor W. C. Stevens, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow seven hundred dollars for the purposes named.

ART. 6. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on Wyoming avenue, opposite the estate of J. N. Lombard and make improvements on the line of Spot pond brook, opposite said estate and appropriate or borrow money for the same, on petition of J. N. Lombard and others.

Voted, unanimously, That the selectmen be instructed to build a sidewalk on Wyoming avenue near Spot pond brook and that the town pay one-half the expense of the retaining walls on the north side of said brook where it formerly encroached on said Wyoming avenue, at \$3.10 per perch.

Voted, That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be added to the sidewalk appropriation out of which the foregoing expenses shall be paid and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow said amount if necessary.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take regarding the report of the State Board of Health on the sewerage system for the Mystic valley.

Voted, That a committee of five of which the present chairman of the board of selectmen, the chairman of the board of health and our representative in the General Court shall constitute three members, be appointed to take into consideration the report of the State Board of Health on the "North Metropolitan Sewerage system" as far as the same is of interest to this town; with full power to attend any hearing before the legislature or elsewhere, in the premises, reporting back to the town any proposed legislation, before the same shall have been acted upon. Also that said committee shall have full power to examine into and report

upon any system other than the foregoing, which seems to offer a feasible and more economical method for the disposal of the sewage of a community similarly situated to our own. That the committee may be enabled to carry out the spirit of this order the selectmen are authorized to approve and the town treasurer to pay any bills audited by a majority of said committee for the necessary expenses thereof, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, but said committee shall receive no compensation whatever for services as committee-men.

Committee appointed, Levi S. Gould, John P. Deering, William E. Barrett, Sidney H. Buttrick, William F. Morse.

ART. 8. To see if the town will purchase a stone crusher and authorize the payment for the same.

Voted, That the selectmen be authorized to purchase a stone crusher, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow one thousand dollars to pay for the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take on the widening of Main street, from Malden line to Mt. Vernon street, as laid out and ordered by the county commissioners.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of carrying out the order of the county commissioners, and that the selectmen be instructed to advertise for proposals for the building of said street.

ART. 10. To hear and act on the reports of committees and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Report of the committee appointed April 30, to examine into matters relating to Ell Pond brook, received and accepted.

Voted, That the selectmen as a Board of Health, be instructed to ascertain what drains or cesspools enter or discharge their contents into Ell Pond brook, and that they be instructed to take such action as will abate any nuisance there existing.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to pay all necessary expenses which may be incurred from January 1, to April 1, 1889, in anticipation of the annual appropriations of the year.

Voted, To adjourn.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1888.

March 5.

*Schools, support of	\$21,500 00
*School contingent expenses	4,000 00
Highways (\$200 for clearing rubbish)	6,000 00
Sidewalks, (\$500 for repairing existing walks)	2,000 00
Crossings and gutters	600 00
Poor, support of	5,000 00
Fire department	2,100 00
Police and watchmen	2,500 00
Contingent expenses	1,400 00
Board of health (expenses)	200 00
*Interest	5,500 00
Reduction of debt	5,000 00
Public Library, Dog Tax and	750 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
Salaries	3,000 00
Drainage, bridges and culverts	1,000 00
Deficiencies (1887)	354 03
Town Hall, running expenses	600 00
Military aid	300 00
*Street lights	4,500 00
Additional street lamps	150 00
Insurance	600 00
Memorial Day	200 00
First Street	300 00

 \$69,554 03

March 19.

Drainage, Emerson street	250 00
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 \$69,804 03

 *And unexpended balance of previous year.

March 26.

Fire Department (to be paid Malden Fire Department)	\$100 00
Contingent (expenses Park Commissioners)	100 00
Fire alarm, etc.,	1,700 00
Melrose Common	150 00
Surveying and numbering estates and lots	500 00

NEW STREETS.

Gooch street	500 00
Sewall street	150 00
Swains Pond Avenue	1,000 00
School street	300 00
Larrabee street	300 00
Albion street	300 00
Second street extension	200 00
	<hr/> 2,750 00
	<hr/> \$75,104 03

Treasurer authorized to borrow and pay :

April 30.

Maple street widening	\$508 00
Howard street sidewalk	200 00
Main street cemetery	500 00

Nov. 8,

Cedar Park drain	300 00
Franklin street drain	700 00
Sidewalk, Wyoming avenue	350 00
Drainage, committee expenses	250 00
Main street, widening	7,500 00
Stone crusher	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$11,308 00

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths
January	20	8	9
February	5	3	13
March	11	3	11
April	13	13	8
May	13	7	12
June	17	7	9
July	12	4	11
August	13	2	10
September	16	9	8
October	14	7	9
November	16	10	11
December	14	6	12
	<hr/> 164	<hr/> 79	<hr/> 123

BIRTHS.

Number registered	164
More than last year	9
Males	84
Females	80
	<hr/> 164

Of the above number 149 were born in Melrose and 15 were born in other places

Born of American parents	100
of foreign parents	48
of American father and foreign mother	12
of foreign father and American mother	4
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INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	76
Both parties residing in Melrose	45
But one party residing in Melrose	31
	<hr/> 76

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	79
More than last year	11
Both parties American	41
Both parties foreign	24
Parties American and foreign	14
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First marriage of persons	148
Second marriage of persons	9
Third marriage of persons	1
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158—79 couples.	

DEATHS.

Whole number registered	123
More than last year	27
Had residence elsewhere	2
Males (married)	23
Females (married)	20
Widows	11
Widowers	4
Males (single)	6
Females (single)	8
Male children	32
Female children	19
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123	
Under one year (still-born or premature birth 13).	30
From 1 to 5	13
5 " 10	6
10 " 20	6
20 " 30	13
30 " 40	8
40 " 50	6
50 " 60	16
60 " 70	10
70 " 80	8
80 " 90	7
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123	

Oldest persons : Warren Lynde, 89 years, 3 months, 1 day ;
 Mrs. Hannah Wheaton, 89 years, 11 months ; Mrs. Lucy
 Harper, 89 years, 2 months, 21 days.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, 1888.

Males.

Total number, 1887	1,252
Registered previous to March meeting :	
Feb. 24	9
29	24
	—
	33
Total	1,285
Registered previous to November meeting :	
Sept. 20	14
Oct. 4	46
18	70
25	69
31	22
31	81
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	302
Erased on account of deaths, removals and non-payments of taxes	66
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	236
Total	1,521

Females.

Total number, 1887	27
Registered during the year :	
Oct. 4	15
18	33
25	16
31	18
31	5
	—
	87
Total	114

JURORS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR.

Jan. 17. Peter D. Meston.
 Benjamin S. Jones.
 Orne Upham.
 Jan. 31. Winthrop Messenger.
 Feb. 13. Joseph S. Eastman.
 Mar. 1. Pliny Edson.
 Robert S. Webster.
 May 23. Charles M. Field.
 Henry G. Fields.
 Oct. 4. John C. Ingalls.
 George P. Fuller.

MILITARY LIST.

Number of persons liable to do military duty, 1,349.

DOG LICENSES.

Total number issued, 512; for males, 454; females, 56; breeders' license, 2, (E. H. Moore \$50, George H. Snowden \$25).

Paid to county treasurer, June 2	\$677 60
“ “ “ “ Nov. 17	483 00
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	\$1,160 00
Increase over last year	\$148 20

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on town treasurer, 2,705, for the sum of \$90,043 43.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Alonzo G. Whitman, High, principal, two months .	\$340 00
“ “ “ “ “ 8 “ .	1,600 00
A. A. Ballou, “ assistant . . .	800 00
Clarimond Mansfield, “ “ . . .	625 00
Hattie G. Ricker, “ “ . . .	625 00
Harriet C. Fairbanks, eighth grade, principal, two months	180 00
Harriet C. Fairbanks, eighth grade, principal, eight months	800 00
Nellie H. Rogers, eighth grade, assistant, six months	330 00
Effie C. Sweetser, eighth grade, assistant four months	220 00
Lucy W. Bisbee, seventh grade, Emerson street, six months	330 00
Mary W. French, seventh grade, Emerson street, four months	220 00
Alice M. Swett, seventh grade, Emerson street .	550 00
Lydia Mendum, seventh and sixth grades, Franklin street	550 00
Susan D. Melcher, sixth grade, Centre . .	550 00
Helen J. Barrett, sixth grade, Grove street . .	550 00
Mary J. George, fifth grade, Centre . . .	500 00
Kate W. Bascom, “ “ Grove street . .	500 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$9,270 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$9,270 00
Belle Mitchel, fifth and fourth grades, Franklin street	500 00
Lillie J. Davis, fourth and third grades, Centre, two months	90 00
Lillie J. Davis, fourth and third grades, Centre, eight months	400 00
Alma J. Guptill, fourth and third grades, Grove street, two months	95 00
Alma J. Guptill, fourth and third grades, Grove street, eight months	400 00
Effie C. Sweetser, fourth and third grades, Lynde street, two months	90 00
Effie C. Sweetser, fourth and third grades, Lynde street, four months	200 00
Florence M. Ellis, fourth and third grades, four months	200 00
Alice H. Long, fourth and third grades,	500 00
Emma A. Weeks, fourth and third grades, Converse	450 00
Mary A. Plummer, third and second grades, Franklin	450 00
Lucy F. Dermot, second grade, Vinton	500 00
Ella M. Donkin, second and first grades, Centre, six months	300 00
Isabel Chapin, second and first grades, four months.	200 00
Mary I. Hersey, second and first grades, Grove street, six months	300 00
Della H. Crosby, second and first grades, Grove street	200 00
Mary E. Nye, second and first grades, Lynde street	450 00
Gertrude Smith, second and first grades, Converse	450 00
Emma L. Randlett, first grade, Franklin	500 00
Annie M. Ransom, first grade, Vinton street	450 00
Florence M. Perry, first grade, Green street, four months	180 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$16,175 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$16,175 00
Anna B. Chadbourne, mixed school, Upham street	450 00
Marion H. Morgan, mixed school, Ripley	450 00
Harry Benson, music	350 00
Wallace Bryant, drawing	232 50
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	\$17,657 50

JANITORS' SALARIES.

F. M. McLaughlin, High School building, one year	\$324 00
John W. Davis, Centre, eight months	116 64
Addison G. Jewett, Centre, two months	29 16
Charles H. Fuller, Franklin, eight months	116 64
“ “ “ “ four “	78 32
James A. Lambert, Grove street, ten months	145 80
Anthony A. Rich, Vinton street, ten months	145 80
Joseph S. Emerson, Fells, one year	99 96
William F. Serrat, Lynde street, one year	99 96
Eri Upham, Upham street, one year	60 00
John Davis, Swains Pond avenue, one year	60 00
Felix Blanchard, Centre, Grove and Vinton street, two months.	87 50
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	\$1,363 78

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES, 1888-89.

John O. Norris, chairman	\$200 00
Charles F. Loring	50 00
John C. Maker	50 00
Mrs. S. W. Bradbury	50 00
“ A. K. Miller	50 00
“ A. B. P. Waterhouse	50 00
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	\$450 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Mrs. A. K. Miller, distributing agent	\$125 04
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FUEL.

S. E. Benson, coal and wood	\$1,217 50
C. B. & F. H. Goss, coal	631 80
M. F. Eastman, "	360 00
J. McCarthy's Sons, charcoal	35 00
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						\$2,244 30

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries	\$17,657 50
Janitors' "	1,363 78
Committees' salaries	450 00
Supply agent, salary	125 04
Fuel	2,244 30
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						\$21,840 62

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$21,500 00
Unexpended balance, 1887	237 65
Receipts.					
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	91 82
Tuition of children	20 00
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					\$21,849 47
Balance unexpended	8 85

\$21,849 47

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SCHOOL CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

EXPENDED.

Books, Stationery, Supplies, Etc.

D. Appleton & Co.	\$156 17
A. E. Wells	120 00
Prang Educational Company	69 60
Carl Schoenhof	1 40
Frost & Adams	18 45
D. C. Heath & Co.	28 55
Clark & Maynard	8 50
John Brown	5 00
Willard Small	10 92
J. L. Hammett	88 91
George F. King & Merrill	305 02
Edward E. Babb & Co.	102 04
Ginn & Co.	77 29
Thompson, Brown & Co.	8 80
Ticknor & Co.	28 90
Boston School Supply Co.	29 56
Maynard & Noyes	5 25
Harry Benson, music	3 35
Universal Book Protector Manufacturing Co.	3 15
Eastern Educational Bureau	7 00
E. S. Ritchie & Sons	69 70
Fairbanks, Brown & Co.	8 25
Potter, Knight, Ainsworth & Co.	16 10
Oliver Ditson & Co.	9 29
F. M. Ambrose	78 00
The Thorp & Adams Manufacturing Company	25 86
Harrison Hume	7 00
Knight, Loomis & Co.	7 35
Wm. Ware & Co.	33 30
Harper & Brothers	35 52
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	46 80

Amount carried forward, \$1,415 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,415 03
Cowperthwait & Co.	5 60
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	7 65
Robert Burlen	19 55
A. M. Edwards & Co.	25 00
George S. Perry	66 59
Pulsifer, Jordan & Pfaff	131 60
A. Lovell & Co.	28 00
Interstate Publishing Co.	5 00
J. A. Swasey	6 17
Educational Publishing Co.	2 88

\$1,713 07

General Repairs, Buildings, Etc.

(Carpenters, Masons, Painters and others, Stock and Labor.)

J. P. Deering, lumber	\$48 97
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., door-checks	63 26
J. A. Swasey, blackboard surface	78 72
R. L. Page, blackboard surface and repairs	30 76
James Rendall, carpenter	186 82
D. R. Woodward, carpenter	9 10
E. N. Sargent	2 75
A. A. Rich	5 88
John Hunnewill	21 25
O. E. Drown	121 06
Roger Hunnewill,	16 75
H. B. Upham	12 50
A. W. Lynde, grading and mason work	78 87
A. B. Franklin, repairing regulator	2 75
J. L. Holbrook, repairs stoves, furnaces, etc.	167 10
J. C. Howes, " " " "	182 42
Perry Brothers, hardware	39 75
C. H. Trowbridge, glazing	2 25
J. M. Oakes, "	1 30
George W. Dew, painting	425 64
Caswell, Drown & Co., labor	18 78

Amount carried forward, \$1,516 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,516 68
William Cooper, graining	15 00
W. A. Caswell, painting	28 55
A. W. Parker, "	62 88
J. H. Patterson, mason	41 86
C. S. Parker & Sons, slating roof	21 78
W. Emery & Co., blinds	3 70
Walter B. Ellis, 195.1 yards concrete walks, at 40 cents	78 04
One-half expense of 127.5 yards, concrete sidewalk, at 50 cents	31 88
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	\$1,800 37

Furniture.

J. B. Souther & Co., table	\$8 50
Clifford & Allen, settees	5 28
F. M. Holmes Furniture Co., desk and chairs	33 70
A. G. Whitcomb, table	5 00
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	\$52 48

Printing.

Dunton & Potter	\$5 75
L. F. Williams	17 50
J. H. Daniels, (diplomas)	29 65
Babb & Stephens	12 50
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	\$65 40

Sundries.

J. H. Gately, repairing desks	\$ 7 00
Thomas Ireland, cleaning clocks	18 75
D. M. White, tuning and repairing piano	3 50
Jacob Lehmann, tuning and repairing piano	2 50
Globe Stamp Works, rubber stamp	1 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$32 75

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32 75
Lemuel Merrill, keys	1 70
S. O. Eldridge's express	1 50
Eastman's express	18 90
W. E. Locke's express	85
American Express Company	15
John Larrabee, disinfectants	2 65
Lappen Brothers, dusters, brushes, etc.	50 28
F. M. McLaughlin, repairing wheelbarrow	2 45
Thomas Keating, carriage hire	3 00
E. M. Donkin, filling diplomas	6 30
Clifford P. Sprunt, violin obligato	1 00
A. E. Worthen, services taking tickets	1 00
C. H. Fuller, teaming settees	3 00
Wakefield Odorless Excavating Co., cleaning vaults	36 00
C. H. Fuller, labor cleaning cellar	5 00
George W. Bartlett, carriage hire	2 00
Peabody & Whitney, step-ladder	2 40
Frost & Hawes, pails and brooms	1 15
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	5 89
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	\$177 37

RECAPITULATION.

Books, stationery, supplies, etc.	\$1,713 07
General repairs	1,800 37
Furniture	52 48
Printing	65 40
Sundries	177 97
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	\$3,809 29

Contra.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Balance unexpended, 1887	429 08
Received for books	1 46
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	\$4,430 54
Balance unexpended	621 25
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	\$4,430 54

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,100 00
“ to be paid Malden fire dep't . . .	100 00
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	\$2,200 00

EXPENDED.

Contingent Expenses.

Cornelius Callahan & Co., 600 feet hose . . .	\$318 00
Board of Engineers, services for one year . . .	75 00
Dunton & Potter, printing	14 50
A. J. Morse & Son, gates, nozzles, etc., . . .	42 26
W. T. Howard, care of Endeavor engine . . .	5 00
Joseph Edwards, wrenches, repairs, etc., . . .	7 50
Eastman's Express	3 50
S. A. Robinson & Co. teams, baiting horses . . .	7 00
James H. Berry, teaming hose	5 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	2 18
W. A. Caswell, painting	2 50
Perry Bros., hardware	2 61
M. F. Eastman, cannel coal	50
S. E. Benson, “	10 50
J. B. Johnson, covering wrenches	1 50
O. E. Drown, stock and labor	4 70
Samuel Lear, “ “	3 30
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	\$505 55

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$400 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Eastman's Express, horses to fires	51 00
Frost & Hawes, sundries	2 00
Joseph Edwards, repairs	13 10
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	\$506 10

Russell Hose Company No. 1.

Services of men	\$236 65
Services of steward	40 00
Joseph Edwards, iron work and snaps	8 95
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company 7,600 feet gas	15 20
M. F. Eastman, coal	3 75
Bugbee & Barrett, rope and oil	83
J. B. Johnson, coat straps	60
G. W. Bartlett, horses to fires	27 00
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	\$332 98

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.

Services of men	\$201 66
Services of steward	40 00
Horse to fires	34 00
L. W. Gilman, rent 9 months	112 50
S. E. Benson, coal	17 00
M. F. Eastman, coal and wood	5 63
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company, 2,900 feet gas	5 80
J. R. Gibbons, teaming hose	1 50
Joseph Edwards, repairs	10 25
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	2 25
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	\$430 59

Highlands Hose Company, No. 3.

Services of men	\$240 00
Services of steward	40 00
Samuel Lear, stock and labor	5 92
S. A. Robinson & Co., horses to fires	28 00
S. E. Benson, coal	7 50
F. H. Tyzzer, painting and repairs	7 00
Joseph Edwards, new spokes and repairs	12 75
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	\$341 17

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent expenses	\$505 55
Bigelow H. & L. Company No. 1	506 10
Russell Hose Company No. 1	332 98
N. D. Blake Hose Company No. 2	430 59
Highland Hose Company No. 3	341 17
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	\$2,116 39

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$2,100 00
Appropriation (to be paid Malden fire dep't)	100 00
Received for old hose sold	24 00
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	\$2,224 00
Balance unexpended	\$7 61
Appropriated to pay Malden fire dep't	100 00
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	\$2,224 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Received for building and grading walks for con- creting, assessments levied, and for concret- ing walks	169 26
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	\$2,169 26

EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, for laying 547.3 yards concrete at 34 cents	186 08
One-half expense of laying 3,196.7 yards con- crete at 34 cents	543 44
Top dressing 4,496.9 yards concrete at 15 yards	674 53
Patching concrete	90
Grading walks for concrete	219 59
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	\$1,624 54

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,624 54
C. L. Hoffman, for laying 4 yards concrete		
at 34 cents	\$1 36	
Top dressing 45.2 yards concrete at		
15 cents	6 78	
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Robert Philpot, one-half expense of laying	135.2	
yards concrete at 34 cents		22 99
Walter C. Stevens, surveying		23 00
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		\$1,678 67

Paid to Owners of Estates on Account of Walks Laid.

William B. Robinson, 121 yards concrete and		
grading		\$25 57
William T. Kennedy, 73 yards concrete and grad-		
ing		17 46
F. H. Damon, 105.9 yards concrete and grading		18 00
M. G. Cochran, 200.5 " " " "		38 35
D. L. Webster, 90.2 " " " "		22 55
Jonathan Barrett, 52 " " " "		21 84
John Casey, building walk		6 00
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		\$149 77

For Labor and Teams.

Superintendent, 9 days, at \$2.50 per		
day	\$22 50	
Team, 34 3-4 days, at \$1.50 per day	52 13	
Laborers, 147 1-2 days at \$1.76 per day	259 59	
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		\$334 22

Wyoming Ave. Sidewalk.

(Opposite Lombard Estate, expended as per vote of the Town.)

EXPENDED.

T. R. Newhall, 160 feet bridge covers		\$44 00
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Labor and Teams.

Superintendent, 11 1-2 days at \$2.50		
per day	\$28	75
Teams, 37 days, at \$1.50 per day	55	50
Laborers, 78 3-4 days at \$1.76 per day	138	60
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		\$266 85

RECAPITULATION.

Concreting and surveying	\$1,678	67	
Owners of estates for walks laid	149	77	
Labor and teams	334	22	
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	\$2,162	66	
Treasurer authorized to borrow on account of Wyoming Ave. sidewalk	\$350	00	
Expended as shown and charged to above account	266	85	
Appropriation and receipts			2,169 26
Balance unexpended	6	60	
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	\$2,169	26	\$2,169 26

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, Etc.

L. F. Hinckley	\$361	75
Bugbee & Barrett	106	35
George U. Baker	47	76
W. E. Gerry	180	00
L. W. Gilman	6	00
James Worthen	299	87
Worthen & Goodridge	70	23
W. H. Wells	9	00
Frost & Hawes	21	00
Lawrence Leonard	156	00
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	\$1,257	96

For Support of Insane.

The Worcester Lunatic Hospital	\$339 84
The Danvers Lunatic Hospital	616 38
The Worcester Insane Asylum	169 92
The Northampton Lunatic Hospital	169 92
Tewksbury Insane Asylum	93 36
The Westboro' Insane Hospital	202 42
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	\$1,591 84

Burial Expenses.

A. B. Pierce & Son	\$96 00
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Rents.

John E. McGlinn, 12 months	\$96 00
Charles A. Larrabee, 15 months	195 00
John W. Cobb, 12 months	48 00
B. R. Upham, 60 weeks	90 00
M. D. Brooks, 8 1-3 months	41 53
Mrs. Geo. Hemmenway, 7 months	21 00
Estate C. A. Green, 6 months	36 00
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	\$527 53

Fuel.

James Marshall	\$145 29
M. F. Eastman	59 50
F. R. Upham	2 15
S. E. Benson	148 74
C. B. & F. H. Goss	4 88
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	\$360 56

Medical Attendance, Medicines and Nursing.

F. H. Morse, M. D., attendance	\$10 00
H. C. Williams, M. D. "	22 00
E. L. Warren, M. D. "	9 00
John Larrabee, medicines	34 90
Anna Grover, nursing	21 00
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	\$96 90

Outside Relief.

City of Boston	\$25 02
Lynn	134 90
Malden	324 00
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	\$483 92

Board and Clothing.

Mary D. Gibbs, 19 weeks	\$38 00
Katherine Gallagher, 41 weeks	82 00
S. M. M. McLoon, 52 weeks 2 days	156 88
E. J. Barron, 12 months	156 00
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, 52 weeks, 2 days	169 92
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, clothing,	10 76
State Industrial School, 13 weeks, 1 day	13 14
C. S. Jones, 56 weeks, 5 days,	226 86
H. M. Phillips, 27 weeks, 1 day	109 50
St. Vincent's Asylum, 12 months,	72 00
F. E. Upham, 52 weeks,	52 00
F. E. Upham, clothing	17 75
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	\$1,104 81

Sundries.

H. G. Fields, boots and shoes	\$172 05
H. G. Fields, expense	5 40
Overseers of poor, expense	7 84
Isabella Nelson, cash allowance	78 00
C. G. Harris, dry goods	47 40
Hurd & Balfour, dry goods	3 90
A. B. Pierce, removing person	2 00
E. P. Waitt, hair cutting	75
Geo. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	21 50
C. W. Ellison, P. M., box rent	25
D. H. Bigelow, meals	8 00
O. E. Drown, meals to tramps	12 00
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	\$359 09

RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions and supplies	\$1,257 96
Insane, support of	1,591 84
Burial expenses,	96 00
Rents,	527 53
Fuel	360 56
Medical attendance, etc.,	96 90
Outside relief	483 92
Board and clothing	1,104 81
Sundries,	359 09
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	\$5,878 61

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$5,000 00
“ (deficiency, 1887)	303 16
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	\$5,303 16

RECEIPTS.

From Peter Edgerly	\$170 38
City of Malden	12 50
City of Boston	21 88
Town of Middleton	341 13
Town of Falmouth	127 55
Town of Rockland	78 00
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	\$751 44
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	\$6,054 60
Expended as shown	\$5,878 61
Balance unexpended	\$175 99
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	\$6,054 60

HIGHWAYS.

EXPENDED.

For Labor and Teams.

Price paid per day. Superintendent, \$2.50 ; Laborers, \$1.76 ;
Teams, \$1.50.

January, Laborers, 41 1-4 days . . .	\$72 60	
Teams, 37 1-2 days . . .	56 25	
Superintendent, 7 days . . .	17 50	
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February, Laborers, 61 1-2 days . . .	\$108 24	
Teams, 17 days . . .	25 50	
Superintendent, 16 1-4 days . . .	40 62	
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March, Laborers, 78 3-4 days . . .	\$138 60	
Teams, 30 3-4 days . . .	46 12	
Superintendent, 11 1-4 days . . .	28 12	
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April, Laborers, 331 1-2 days . . .	\$583 44	
Teams, 155 1-2 days . . .	233 25	
Superintendent, 22 1-2 days . . .	56 25	
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May, Laborers, 690 days . . .	\$1,214 38	
Teams, 261 1-4 days . . .	391 87	
Superintendent, 23 days . . .	57 50	
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June, Laborers, 719 days . . .	\$1,265 43	
Teams, 189 days . . .	283 49	
Superintendent, 24 1-2 days . . .	61 25	
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July, Laborers, 432 1-4 days . . .	\$760 75	
" 10 days at \$1.25 . . .	12 50	
Teams, 111 3-4 days . . .	167 62	
Superintendent, 19 1-2 days . . .	48 75	
	<hr/>	\$989 62
<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . .		\$5,670 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$5,670 03
August, Laborers, 637 3-4 days	\$1,122 45		
Teams, 156 days	233 99		
Superintendent, 25 1-2 days	63 75		
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			\$1,420 19
September, Laborers, 242 3-4 days	\$427 24		
Teams, 74 1-2 days	111 75		
Superintendent, 9 1-2 days	23 75		
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			\$562 74
November, Laborers, 98 1-2 days	\$173 36		
Teams, 33 days	49 50		
Superintendent, 11 days	27 50		
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			\$250 36
December, Laborers, 14 days	\$24 64		
Teams, 9 days	13 50		
Superintendent, 5 days	12 50		
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			\$50 64
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			\$7,953 96
Laborers, 3347 1-4 days, at \$1.76,	\$5,891 13		
" 10 days, at \$1.25,	12 50		
Teams, 1075 1-4 days, at \$1.50,	1,612 84		
Superintendent, 175 days, at \$2.50,	437 49		
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			\$7,953 96

Paid Calvin Locke, Labor and Teams.

Self, 10 days, at \$2.00	\$20 00		
75 days, at \$2.25	168 69		
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			\$188 69
Laborers furnished, 30 3-4 days, at \$1.76,		54 11	
Teams " 52 3-4 days, at \$1.50,		79 12	
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			\$321 92

Paid in Months.

May,	\$43 60		
June,	76 75		
July,	56 64		
August,	83 18		
September,	61 75		
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			\$321 92

For Gravel.

	LOADS.			
Boston and Maine Railroad Co.	628	at	5 cents,	\$31 40
Frank Gibbons	345	"	5 "	17 25
George W. Chipman . . .	947	"	6 "	56 82
M. G. Cochran	383	"	8 "	30 64
Dexter Bryant	74	"	8 "	5 92
George F. Boardman . . .	309	"	10 "	30 90
E. L. Whittier	148	"	10 "	14 80
Sylvanus Upham	131	"	10 "	13 10
William N. Folsom . . .	798	"	10 "	79 80
D. W. Gooch	516	"	10 "	51 60
A. W. Lynde, (hauled, delivered and spread)	305	"	25 "	76 25
Total	4584			\$408 48

Sundries.

J. O. Chandler, sharpening tools,	\$40 00
Melrose Improvement Society, trimming trees, etc.	100 90
Mrs. E. L. Crocker, steps	5 50
Walter C. Stevens, plans and surveys . . .	160 00
Joel Atwood, labor and nails	2 62
J. C. Howes, drain pipe	1 10
J. P. Deering, lumber	54 74
N. D. Blake, repairs on Mt. Vernon street .	11 20
Bugbee & Barrett, lanterns, etc. . . .	21 78
Joseph Edwards, repairing snow plough . .	4 10
Thomas McCoubry, " " " . . .	4 00
A. McBeth, sharpening picks, etc. . . .	14 95
Ames Plow Co., shovels	15 39
Eastman's Express,	7 60
Locke's Express	50
Berry & Ferguson, drain pipe	31 80
A. J. Morse & Son, pipe and sprinkler . .	6 50
Morse & Whyte, gravel screen	7 50
S. E. Benson, sleepers	3 13
George H. Sampson, forcite	3 60
George Hemmenway, labor	80
Robert Philpot, removing ledge, Greenwood street,	70 00

 \$567 71

RECAPITULATION.

Expended for Superintendence.

James Marshall	\$437 49	
Calvin Locke	188 69	
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For labor	\$5,903 63	
	54 11	
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For teams	\$1,612 84	
	79 12	
	<hr/>	\$1,691 96
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		\$8,275 88
Gravel,		408 48
Sundries		567 71
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		\$9,252 07

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$6,000 00
Deficiency, 1887	2 62
First street	300 00

New Streets.

Gooch street	\$500 00
Sewall street	150 00
Swains Pond avenue	1,000 00
School street	300 00
Larrabee street	300 00
Albion street	300 00
Second street extension	200 00
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	\$2,750 00
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Treasurer authorized to borrow, and selectmen to expend on Howard street, (which has been paid from this appropriation)	200 00
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	\$9,252 62

Balance unexpended	55
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	\$9,252 62

MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

EXPENDED.

O. F. Ingalls, fence, rail posts and balusters	\$155 25
D. R. Woodward, labor, bolts, etc.	90 14
E. O. Howes, labor, painting	33 75
Perry Bros., hardware, lead, oil	18 27
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., sand	4 00
Robert Gibbons, moving hearse house	20 00
Robert Gibbons, labor and material	7 88
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	\$329 29

CONTRA.

Received from stock, etc., sold	5 50
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	\$323 79

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation	\$600 00
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RECEIPTS.

St. Mary's C. T. A. Society	\$ 40 00
Thatcher Benefit Concert	18 00
Unitarian Society	55 00
Melrose Bicycle Club	30 00
Universalist Society	100 00
Melrose Athletic Club	15 00
Fire Department	15 00
St. Bridget's Society	70 00
K. I. D. C. Club,	30 00
Miss Millie Dowling	25 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$998 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$998 00
Sons of Veterans	30 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.	25 00
Lawn Tennis Club	32 00
Post 4, G. A. R.	15 00
Republican Committee	8 00
Odd Fellows	35 00
Melrose Savings Bank, rent of room	125 00
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	\$1,268 00

EXPENDED.

O. E. Drown, janitor, 1 year	\$300 00
C. S. Parker & Sons, slating roof	59 02
Kerwin & Jones, cleaning vaults	6 50
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., doorcheck	8 23
Eastman's express, moving piano and expressing	14 35
A. & E. Burton & Co., brushes	3 75
John Lahey, charcoal	5 25
John H. Edwards, sharpening lawn-mower	1 75
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Co., 334,500 feet gas	669 00
John Larrabee, alcohol	1 80
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	6 68
George W. Dew, painting and glazing	82 50
M. F. Eastman, coal	65 00
J. C. Howes, labor, plumbing, etc.	14 05
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	\$1,237 88
Balance unexpended	30 12
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	\$1,268 00

DRAINAGE, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
“ for drainage of Emerson street,	250 00
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	\$1,250 00

EXPENDED.

S. E. Benson, cement,	\$ 7 50
E. L. Whittier, labor on Spot pond brook,	40 00
T. R. Newhall, bridge stone,	119 07
Berry & Ferguson, 8 in drain pipe	85 31
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe	1 62
Burrell & Swett " "	56 24
J. C. Howes " "	11 39
C. B. & F. H. Goss " "	43 02
H. W. Clapp & Co., grates	28 80
B. and M. R. R. Co., freight on grates	1 77
W. C. Stevens, surveying	16 00
Dexter Pratt, labor	7 50
Walter B. Ellis, 561.9 yards concrete gutters, at 34 cents per yard	191 05
Walter B. Ellis, 55.6 yards gutters, at 50 cents per yard	27 80

For Labor and Teams.

Laborers, 284 3-4 days, at \$1.76	\$501 16
Teams, 85 1-4 days, at \$1.50	127 87
Superintendent, 33 1-2 days, at \$2.50	83 75
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	\$712 78
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	\$1,349 85
Expended for the drainage of Cedar Park, as per vote of the town, for labor, concreting, etc., and charged to this department	\$114 25
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	\$1,235 60
Balance unexpended, to the credit of drainage appropriation	\$14 40
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	\$1,250 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$1,400 00
“ Board of Health	200 00
“ Park Commissioners, expenses	100 00
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	\$1,700 00

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses :

C. W. Ellison	\$2 00
Moses Briggs	2 00
John R. Jones	2 00

\$6 00
Joseph Edwards, for rent of land near Town Hall,
one year

10 00

Crystal Lake Fishing Association, rent of pond

10 00

\$1,726 00

EXPENDED.

Health Department.

O. E. Drown, fumigating and disinfecting . .	\$19 00
E. S. Jack, M. D., services	2 00
C. W. Ellison, P. M., stamps	1 00
F. M. McLaughlin, killing and burying horse .	5 00
Thomas Keating, carriage hire	1 50
Bugbee & Barrett, bowls	45
W. W. Boardman, carriage hire	5 00
John Larrabee, disinfectants	85
J. H. Draper, “	12
W. A. Hitchcock, M. D. V., services	2 00
F. A. Pratt, load covering	50
P. Kiervan, labor	50
Dunton & Potter, advertising regulations, and printing placards	16 25
L. F. Williams, advertising regulations . .	25 00
J. H. L. Anderson, carriage hire	10 00

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Park Commissioners.

Dexter Pratt, surveying and plans	50 00
Ernest W. Bowditch, examination, etc.,	50 00
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	\$100 00

Printing.

P. B. Murphy, license blanks	\$4 25
L. B. Wilder & Co., tax bills, 1888	25 00
L. F. Williams, warrants, notices, advertising, etc.	91 00
W. L. Williams, " " " "	46 50
Dunton & Potter, voting lists, notices, advertising etc.	111 14
T. W. Ripley, ballots (Park Commissioners)	3 00
A. W. Haskell, collector's book	7 00
Alfred Mudge & Son, 1800 reports, 1887	294 88
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	\$582 77

Forest Fire Wards.

Chase C. Worthen, services 1886-87	\$18 20
Dexter Pratt, " "	19 00
Henry Barron, " "	15 00
James Marshall, " "	15 00
Calvin Locke, " "	15 00
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	\$82 20

Sundries.

Geo. F. King & Merrill, record books and stationery,	\$35 37
Hooper & Lewis, assessors' book	1 25
A. B. Pierce, serving warrants, and services	64 00
American Enamel Company, street signs and guide boards	19 00
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on signs	19
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$119 81</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$119 81
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	6 50
O. E. Drown, posting voting lists	1 00
Craig & Tucker, cleaning safe lock	2 78
W. W. Boardman, carriage hire	3 75
W. E. Locke, expressing	45
George Newhall, postage stamps,	4 00
Eldridge's Express, expressing	40
George E. Fogg, ringing bell	6 00
F. M. McLaughlin, " "	6 00
O. E. Drown, " "	6 00
J. B. Johnson, " "	6 00
H. B. Jacobs, returning 8 deaths, 1887	2 00
P. J. McMahon, " 5 " "	1 25
A. G. Jewett, " 5 " "	1 25
A. B. Pierce, " 79 " 1888	19 75
Clerk of Courts, entering "By-Laws"	6 90
C. F. Loring, services presenting "By-Laws"	5 00
W. W. Gooch, services, Geist vs. Town	10 00
Eastman's Express, expressing	60
W. A. Burrell, nails	2 55
Perry Brothers, wire netting, etc.	6 66
John Larrabee, services as clerk of selectmen, 1887	25 00
" " cash paid for sundries	6 75
" " compiling annual reports, and services	50 00
John Larrabee, collecting, recording and indexing births, deaths and marriages, 1887,	99 30
J. Garfield, M. D., returning births, 1887	75
C. B. Shute, M. D., " " "	50
F. L. McIntosh, M. D., " " "	2 75
C. C. Odlin, M. D., " " "	13 25
E. S. Jack, M. D., " " "	2 25
E. L. Warren, M. D., " " "	50
A. M. Selee, M. D., " " "	4 25
P. Wadsworth, M. D., " " "	50
J. S. Clark, M. D., " " "	5 00
F. H. Morse, M. D., " " "	4 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$433 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$433 45
Fire Department, 200 feet old leather hose	24 00
J. S. Austin, carriage hire	5 00
F. M. McLaughlin, services, (dogs)	12 00
O. E. Drown, meals to prisoners	6 00
“ “ care of lock-up	25 00
J. A. Dill, lunches at polls, election days	33 00
For the detection, prosecution and conviction of liquor sellers, expenses, etc.	210 00
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	\$748 45

RECAPITULATION.

Board of Health, expenses	\$ 89 17	
Park Commissioners, expenses	100 00	
Printing	582 77	
Forest Fire Wards, services	82 20	
Sundries	748 45	
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	\$1,602 59	
Appropriation and receipts		\$1,726 00
Balance unexpended.	123 41	
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	\$1,726 00	\$1,726 00

STATE AID.

Received from State on account of amount paid during the year 1887	\$608 00
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PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING
YEAR 1887.

George C. Bucknam	\$12 00
William Story	48 00
Daniel D. Penney	48 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$108 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$108 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Alvin Drake	36 00
Charles H. Young	48 00
Benjamin F. Gibbs	48 00
Ann M. Jewett	48 00
Rebecca H. French	48 00
John H. Guild	24 00
William B. York	48 00
Moses P. Mitchell	36 00
William Boyd	9 00
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	\$645 00

MILITARY AID.

Received from State on account of aid paid in 1887	\$264 50
[Sums paid under provisions Chap. 252, Acts of 1879. One-half refunded by the State.]	
George W. Grover	48 00
Lawrence Reardon	96 00
Ede K. Chase	28 00
Horace W. Stevens	72 00
Benjamin F. York	60 00
William A. Johnson	32 00
Edwin H. Downing	42 00
Charles S. Jones	12 00
Ebenezer Tucker	84 00
Paschal E. Burnham	48 00
Josiah York	8 00
Loami G. Davis	5 00
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	\$535 00

Appropriation	\$300 00\
One-half of amount expended to be refunded	267 50
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Balance unexpended	\$32 50

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$4,500 00
Unexpended balance, 1887	569 62
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	\$5,069 62

EXPENDED.

Wheeler Reflector Company, for lighting and care of 136 to 152 lamps, one year	\$1,669 35
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Company, lighting and care of 32 lights, five months	154 03
Lantern, cocks and burner	2 40
Malden Electric Light Company, 14 arc lights, 4 months	\$466 68
24 " " 2 "	400 00
26 " " 6 "	1,300 02
40 incandescent lights, 5 months	300 00
39 " " 1 month and 2-3 of month	59 87
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	2,526 57
J. C. Howes, repairs on lantern	1 00
C. A. Messenger, Jr., arc light furnished 3 months	5 40
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	\$4,358 75
Balance unexpended	710 87
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	\$5,069 62

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriations	\$600 00
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EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, for laying 463.2 yards concrete crossings, at 34 cents	\$157 49
For laying 1269.6 yards concrete gutters, at 34 cents	431 66
Grading for crossings	9 04
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	\$598 19
Balance unexpended	1 81
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	\$600 00

ADDITIONAL LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$150 00
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EXPENDED.

Wheeler Reflector Company, six iron posts and frames	\$60 00
Repairs on lanterns	9 75
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	69 75
Eastman's Express, teaming posts and frames	15 40
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	85 15
Balance unexpended	64 85
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	\$150 00

MALDEN AND MELROSE BOUNDARY LINE.

EXPENDED.

Daniel McDonald, granite posts	\$4 40
One-half payment for boundary post on Main street	12 00
City of Malden, one-half expense of setting stone bounds	8 50
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	\$24 90

INSURANCE.

Appropriation	\$600 00
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EXPENDED.

J. L. Hanaford & Co.	\$375 37	
Westgate & Johnson	146 26	
R. B. Leighton	56 25	
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Balance unexpended		22 12
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		\$600 00

DRAIN, FRANKLIN AND WARREN STREETS.

EXPENDED.

Robert Philpot, furnishing and laying drain pipe, building catch basins, grates, etc., as per contract	\$600 00
Walter C. Stevens, laying out and superintending construction of drain	14 00
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	\$614 00

SURVEYING AND NUMBERING ESTATES.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDED.

Walter C. Stevens, surveying and making plans	\$300 00
S. M. Tinkham & Son, numbering houses	200 00
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	\$500 00

MAIN STREET WIDENING.

EXPENDED.

Walter C. Stevens, line, grade, profile and specifications	\$25 00
Estate of John R. Jones, award of county commissioners for land taken	700 00
D. Alvin Lynde, award of county commissioners for land taken	400 00
E. McKenna & Co., on account of contract	500 00
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	\$1,625 00

FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid The Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co., for 13 signal stations, large bell striking machine on Town Hall, two 15-inch out-door gongs (at Wyoming and Highlands), batteries, galvanometers, line testers, switch boards, commutators, chains, weights, wires, etc., guaranteed for five years, against all defects due to faulty workmanship or defective material in machinery	\$1,700 00
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MELROSE COMMON.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Received from Geo. W. Farnsworth, Esq.	50 00
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	\$200 00
Paid treasurer Melrose Improvement Society for labor, trees, shrubs, etc.	\$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid commander of U. S. Grant Post, No. 4, G. A. R., for decoration and care of soldiers' graves	\$200 00

MAPLE STREET WIDENING.

Paid Seth E. Benson, for 2,032 square feet of land taken for the widening of said street, as laid out and awarded by the selectmen, accepted by the town April 30, 1888	\$508 00
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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
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EXPENDED.

F. E. Orcutt, auditor, 1887	\$25 00
J. R. Norton, " "	25 00
W. I. Nickerson " "	25 00
Alfred Hocking, registrar of voters, '87	25 00
Walter Babb, " " " "	25 00
Victor C. Kirmes, " " " "	25 00
John Larrabee, " " " "	25 00
Henry G. Fields, (chairman), overseer of poor	200 00
John Singer, Jr., overseer of poor	50 00
Martha D. Bale, " " "	50 00
John R. Norton, assessor	150 00
Albon W. Parker, "	150 00
Moses Briggs, "	150 00
Board of assessors, for clerical services	250 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,175 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,175 00
Levi S. Gould, selectman		200 00
John P. Deering, "		200 00
Charles W. Higgins, selectman		200 00
John Larrabee, town clerk		300 00
George Newhall, town treasurer		500 00
Parker Merrill, collector, 1888,		
5 per cent. on \$1,762.50 poll taxes	\$88 12	
1-2 of 1 per cent. on \$53,064.54 real		
estate taxes	265 31	
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		\$2,928 43
Balance unexpended		71 57
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		\$3,000 00

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS, 1888.

For care of lots	\$394 00	
Labor and material furnished, in-		
terments, etc.	325 00	
Wood sold	8 00	
Use of tomb	6 00	
Grass and pasturage, Pratt farm	47 50	
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For Lots Sold.

1 at \$200	\$200 00	
2 at \$100	200 00	
1 at \$75	75 00	
1 at \$74	74 00	
1 at \$65	65 00	
1 half lot at \$100	100 00	
4 half lots at \$40	160 00	
3 half lots at \$30	90 00	
1 half lot at \$35	35 00	
1 half lot at \$38	38 00	
On account of lots sold	104 00	
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		\$1,921 50

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, superintendent, 6 months . .	\$300 00
" " extra labor, 48 1-2 days . .	97 00
" " labor and material furnished . .	23 28
J. William Boyce, labor, 152 3-4 days, at \$1.76 . .	268 84
Willard Fenton, labor, 126 3-4 days, at \$1.76 . .	223 08
John Lloyd, labor, 108 1-4 days, at \$1.76 . .	190 52
Thos. Cassell, labor, 1-2 day, at \$1.76 . .	88
William Forbes, labor, 2 1-2 days, at \$1.76 . .	4 40
A. Wilbur Lynde, man and team, 1 day . .	3 26
F. R. Upham, man, 35 1-2 days, at \$1.76 . .	62 48
" " team, 35 1-2 days, at \$1.50 . .	53 25
James Marshall, man, 5 1-2 days, at \$1.76 . .	9 68
" " team, 5 1-2 days, at \$1.50 . .	8 25
J. P. Deering, lumber	4 62
S. E. Benson, cement	10 45
M. F. Eastman, lime and cement	5 85
C. W. Ellison, postmaster, stamps	2 00
Berry & Ferguson, drain pipe	59 90
John H. Edwards, sharpening lawn mower . .	3 50
Dunton & Potter, envelopes and printing . .	2 50
H. W. Clapp & Co., base and grate	7 20
B. & M. railroad, freight on grate	50
W. C. Stevens, surveying lots, plans, etc. . .	31 25
J. W. Foley, plants	5 50
Justus Geist "	25 00
Perry Brothers, grindstone and tools	18 25
Bugbee & Barrett, tools, etc.	2 57
Thos. McCoubry, sharpening tools	7 45
George Newhall, services	25 00
John Larrabee, "	25 00
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	\$1,481 46
Interest on note to Charles Pratt	325 00
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	\$1,806 46
Surplus for the year	115 04
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	\$1,921 50

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$5,500 00
Unexpended balance, 1887	498 06
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	\$5,998 06

RECEIPTS.

From collectors,	
On taxes, 1887	\$1,023 67
" " 1888	114 41
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	1,138 08
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	\$7,136 14

EXPENDED.

Interest coupons on Town Hall bonds, \$65,000 at 7 per cent	\$4,550 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on notes	1,205 32
Melrose Savings Bank, on notes, temporary loans	323 10
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	\$6,078 42
Balance unexpended	1,057 72
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	\$7,136 14

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
" deficiency, (1887)	48 25
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	\$2,548 25

EXPENDED.

Price paid, 25 cents per hour of Service Rendered.

F. M. McLaughlin, chief	\$560 50
H. B. Newhall	482 75
O. E. Drown	448 75
C. F. W. Fogg	379 75
W. A. Caswell	337 25
C. H. Fuller	40 00
R. M. Rand	37 50
D. O. Parker	32 25
J. W. Davis	27 00
D. T. Stockwell	18 75
A. B. Pierce	11 25
A. W. Lynde	7 50
Henry Barron	5 50
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	\$2,388 75

SUNDRIES.

F. M. McLaughlin, cash paid for fares, postals, etc.	\$10 15
George W. Bartlett, carriage hire	39 50
W. A. Greenough, directory	2 00
Dunton & Potter, printing	4 00
O. E. Drown, meals to prisoners	8 50
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	\$64 15
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	\$2,452 90
Balance unexpended	95 35
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	\$2,548 25

WATER FUND.

CR.

Cash in treasury Jan., 1888	\$5,007 23
Received from sale of bonds Nos. 21-30, series 1887, premium and interest	10,316 66
Appropriation, for use of water	2,000 00
Water rates, etc.	22,769 06
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	\$40,092 95

DR.

Paid interest on bonds	\$11,280 00
Treasurer of Water Loan S. F. Commissioners, surplus, 1887	2,832 28
Bills on account of construction and maintenance	19,415 87
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	\$33,528 15
Cash in treasury to credit of fund	6,564 80
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	\$40,092 95

TAX SALE.

Received from M. F. Eastman, collector of taxes for year 1887, sum received as surplus over-tax, assessed upon estate of J. Vincent Smith	\$692 26
Paid executors of estate of J. Vincent Smith	692 26

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$750 00
“ Dog Tax, 1887	961 78
Received from Carrie M. Worthen, librarian, fines, etc.	39 91
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	\$1,751 69

EXPENDED.

For books, magazines, papers, etc., Dewolfe, Fiske & Co.	\$384 96
A. H. Roffe & Co.	132 00
Cupples & Hurd	35 10
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	5 50

Amount carried forward, \$557 56

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$557 56
Willard Small	5 16
Iconographic Publishing Co.	11 50
The Cottage Hearth Co.	6 75
Rand, McNally & Co.	12 50
Henry C. Nash & Co.	25 00
C. F. Jewett Publishing Co.	96 00
First Maine Cavalry Association	5 00

\$719 47

REPAIRS.

Charles Taylor, new alcoves, stock and labor	\$127 52
Clark and Smith, lumber	25 75
George W. Dew, painting	36 00
S. F. Oliver, gas fitting	2 00

\$191 27

SUNDRIES.

Library Bureau, binders, etc.	\$3 20
Geo. F. King & Merrill, cards, etc.	5 55
P. D. Meston, rebinding books	107 45
L. B. Wilder, printing cards	6 75
L. F. Williams, printing slips and cards	39 25
L. F. Williams, printing catalogues	230 00
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing extra reports	8 00
T. W. Ripley, printing labels	75
Geo. B. Sargent & Son, ribbon for stamp	50
C. W. Ellison, P. M., box rent	50
W. L. Williams, P. M., box rent	50
W. E. Locke, expressing	1 50
Eastman's Express, expressing	4 25
Westgate & Johnson, insurance	3 75
O. E. Drown, care of room 9 months	75 00
Carrie M. Worthen, services as librarian	318 75
Carrie M. Worthen, cash paid for sundries	4 36
William Keating, arranging and cataloguing U. S.	
Public Documents	25 00
Thomas Ireland, repairing clock	1 00

\$836 06

RECAPITULATION.

Books, magazines, etc.	.	.	.	\$719 47
Repairs	.	.	.	191 27
Sundries	.	.	.	836 06
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				\$1,746 80
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	4 89
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				\$1,751 69

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State treasurer, tax 1888	\$5,895 00
County treasurer, " "	3,307 77

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rec'd corporation taxes	.	.	.	.	\$3,292 86
National bank taxes	.	.	.	.	798 97

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MELROSE, DEC. 31, 1888.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Police Department, for the year ending at date, is as follows :

CASES BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT.

Assaults	16	Liquor nuisance	4
Breaking and entering	2	Larceny	3
Contempt of court	2	Lewd conduct	1
Drunks	16	Malicious mischief	2
Disorderly house	2	Non-support	1
Disturbing the peace	16	Railer and brawler	1
Disobedient child	1	Search warrants for goods, 2	
Evading car fare	1	“ “ “ liquor, 6	
False pretence	1	Threats	2
Keeping and exposing	1		
Lodgers accommodated			75
Patients carried to insane hospital			3
Notices delivered			125

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. McLAUGHLIN, *Chief.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in treasury, Jan. 27, 1888	\$4,472 58
Total receipts for the year	148,603 69

	<u>\$153,076 27</u>
Total disbursements for the year	149,454 16

Cash in treasury, Jan. 28, 1889	\$3,622 11
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CEMETERY "TRUST FUNDS."

1885. Estate of Sally Upham	\$200 00
1886. S. B. Cochran, Omaha, Neb. . . .	200 00
1887. Estate of William H. Jones	100 00
1888. Estate of Mrs. Lynthia L. Burgess	100 00
1888. Mrs. Chas. O. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson	100 00
	<u>\$700 00</u>

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

WATER BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, due July 1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, due Oct. 1, 1892	50,000 00
Melrose Water Loan, high service, due Nov. 1,	
1905	37,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, series 1887, due May 1,	
1907	30,000 00
	<u>\$217,000 00</u>

Amount brought forward, \$217,000 00

TOWN HALL BONDS.

Melrose Town Hall, due Oct, 1, 1892 . . . 65,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Note dated Aug. 6, 1884, due Aug.

6, 1889, interest 4 per cent. . . 8,000 00

Note dated July 23, 1886, due July

23, 1891, interest 3 1-2 per cent . 14,000 00

Note dated May 7, 1887, to Charles

Pratt, interest 6 1-2 per cent . 10,000 00

32,000 00

Total \$314,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State, State aid \$535 00

Due from State, military aid 267 50

\$802 50

Uncollected taxes :—

1881 \$87 93

1882 204 71

1883 275 75

1884 293 18

1885 725 55

1886 765 50

1887 1,647 39

1888 28,012 20

\$32,012 21

Water Loan Sinking Fund 36,718 05

Cash on hand 3,622 11

\$73,154 87

Net debts more than assets available . . . 240,845 13

\$314,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE NEWHALL,

Treasurer.

(E. and O. accepted.)

MELROSE, February, 1889.

GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER.

In account with the TOWN OF MELROSE.

Dr.

Jan. 27, 1888. Cash in the treasury . . .	\$4,472 58
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RECEIPTS.

M. F. Eastman, collector of taxes, 1887 . . .	28,100 00
Parker Merrill, " " " 1888 . . .	57,826 71
Water rates, etc. 1888 . . .	22,769 06
Water Fund Bonds, series of 1887, ten bonds, \$1000 each, premium and accrued interest	10,316 66
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1887 . . .	961 78
Wyoming Cemetery, lots, graves, etc. . .	1,921 50
Cemetery Trust Funds . . .	200 00
Tax sale (Smith estate) . . .	692 26
G. W. Farnsworth (Melrose Common) . . .	50 00
Notes, temporary loans . . .	19,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—	
School fund . . .	\$91 82
Military aid . . .	264 50
State aid . . .	612 00
Corporation Tax . . .	3,292 86
Bank tax . . .	798 97
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	5,060 15

From various sources on account of

Public Library . . .	39 91
School Fund . . .	20 00
School contingent . . .	1 46
Sidewalks . . .	169 26
Poor Fund . . .	751 44
Fire Department . . .	24 00
Contingent . . .	26 00
Town Hall . . .	668 00
Main street Cemetery . . .	5 50
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\$153,076 27

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Paid town clerk's orders, as follows:—

Crossings and gutters	\$ 598 19
Sidewalks	2,429 51
Insurance	577 88
Military aid	535 00
State aid	645 00
Drainage	1,349 85
Maple street widening	508 00
Boundary line	24 90
Melrose Common	200 00
Public Library	1,746 80
Memorial Day	200 00
Main street cemetery	329 29
School fund	21,840 62
School contingent	3,809 29
Poor fund	5,878 61
Contingent	1,602 59
Fire Department	2,116 39
Cemetery, Wyoming	1,481 46
Streets lights	4,358 75
Fire alarm	1,700 00
Additional lamps	85 15
Surveying and numbering streets	500 00
Police	2,452 90
Salaries	2,928 43
Town Hall	1,237 88
Water fund	19,415 87
Highways	9,252 07
Main street widening	1,625 00
Franklin street drain	614 00

 \$90,043 43

Amount brought forward, \$90,043 43

Paid notes:—

Temporary loans . . . \$24,000 00

Permanent loan . . . 5,000 00

Tax sale refunded . . . 692 26

State tax . . . 5,895 00

County tax . . . 3,307 77

Interest on notes . . . 1,528 42

Interest coupons, Town Hall
bonds . . . 4,550 00

Interest coupons water fund
bonds, . . . 11,280 00

Interest on cemetery note to
Charles Pratt . . . 325 00

Water Loan S. F. Commis-
sioners surplus, 1887 . . . 2,832 28

59,410 73

\$149,454 16

Jan. 28, 1889, cash in treasury . . . 3,622 11

\$153,076 27

GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

In account with COMMISSIONERS OF MELROSE WATER LOAN
SINKING FUND.

DR.

February, 1888. Cash on hand . . . \$1,157 19

To received as surplus from Water Fund for
year 1887 . . . 2,832 28

To received as interest on bonds and mortgages . . . 1,438 58

\$5,428 05

CR.

By paid rent for box in safe deposit vault . . . \$10 00

For mortgage on real estate in Melrose . . . 3,000 00

\$3,010 00

February, 1889. Cash deposited in Melrose
Savings Bank . . . 2,418 05

\$5,428 05

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1888.

No. of inhabitants	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,535
“ school children	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,263
“ dwelling houses	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,630
“ horses	.	.	.	.	.	.	486
“ cows	.	.	.	.	.	.	211
“ oxen	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
“ dogs	.	.	.	.	.	.	485
“ swine	.	.	.	.	.	.	113

Valuation of real estate	.	.	.	.	\$5,574,705	00
“ “ personal estate	.	.	.	.	426,861	00

Total	.	.	.	.	.	\$6,001,566	00
Amount committed to collector	\$85,857	31
Additional	300	52

Total	\$86,157	83
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Rate, \$13.60 per \$1,000.

Number of polls assessed	2,134
Number of women assessed	118

ABATEMENTS, 1888.

Mrs. Lyman Elms . . .	\$ 6 80	Mrs. Ellen Hurley . . .	\$7 13
Mrs. Mary D. Ellis . . .	6 80	Mrs. Ann Colligan . . .	17 98
Mrs. Ezekiel Simonds . . .	6 80	Mrs. Jennie Upham . . .	5 78
Arthur E. Currier . . .	1 36	Harry Miller . . .	2 00
Mrs. M. B. Richards . . .	6 80	Mrs. Esther Morcomb . . .	6 80
Edward Paul . . .	2 00	Robert Henry Harris . . .	2 00
Luther Emerson . . .	27 20	Geo. B. Graves . . .	2 72
Estate Reuben Atwood . . .	13 60	D. Franklin Stearns . . .	3 40
Alvah M. Davis . . .	13 60	Mrs. C. W. Clinkard . . .	6 80
Estate Chas. Barrett . . .	6 80	D. W. Howie . . .	80
Miss Nancy S. Wilson . . .	3 40	Mrs. Ellen Powers . . .	5 52
Misses Wheeler . . .	13 60	Mrs. Lucy A. Barrett . . .	5 10
S. D. Taylor . . .	12 00	Geo. F. Boardman . . .	6 80
Mrs. Mary E. Howard . . .	6 80	Misses Conway . . .	12 00
Mrs. Annie Manning . . .	4 76	A. V. Lynde (re-assessed) . . .	10 54
Mrs. Emma Burnham . . .	6 80	Carroll W. Clark . . .	13 60
Miss S. A. Cooper . . .	2 04	Alverdo Dodge . . .	13 60
George Goodwin . . .	3 36	D. Webster . . .	4 08
James F. Dix . . .	21 76	Mrs. Sarah M. Barrows . . .	27 20
Mrs. Ella Powder . . .	5 98	G. F. Boardman and	
Geo. Manning . . .	2 00	O. E. Hawes . . .	6 00
Miss Joanna Stackpole . . .	6 80	Seth E. Benson . . .	6 80
John C. Maker . . .	68	Mrs. Mary Harvey . . .	5 00
Mrs. Aaron Green . . .	16 24	R. P. Barry (re-assessed). . .	65 28
Frank R. Upham . . .	20	Arthur M. Burr . . .	2 00
Boston Rubber Shoe Co. . .	37 40	Moses S. Page . . .	8 16
Charles N. Fowler . . .	2 72		
Frank H. Torrey . . .	6 80	Total . . .	\$509 15
Danforth D. Stratton . . .	6 80	Less amount re-assessed . . .	75 82
Ralph M. Merrill . . .	2 00		
Mrs. Harriett A. Sale . . .	6 80		\$433 33
S. W. Moorhouse . . .	1 36		

ABATEMENTS ON 1887, DURING 1888.

John Haseltine . . .	\$2 80	Mrs. Mary A. Finn . . .	\$7 00
Levi S. Gould . . .	4 20	Misses Moody . . .	11 90
Levi S. Gould, adm'r. of		Mrs. Mary F. Howard . . .	2 45
Geo. W. Grover estate . . .	11 20	Mrs. Mary E. Howard . . .	7 00
Charles E. Foss . . .	4 20	Alvah M. Davis . . .	14 00
Miss Mary Woodward . . .	7 50	George Goodwin . . .	1 40
Mrs. Mary A. Higgins . . .	3 75	Mrs. N. K. Hunt . . .	14 70
Estate Wm. H. Jones . . .	7 55	Mrs. Louisa Weeks . . .	10 85
Mrs. Locada Critchet . . .	7 00	Wm. Munroe . . .	39 20
Thomas Dalby . . .	2 00		
Frank Mansfield . . .	2 00		\$160 70

MOSES BRIGGS,
JOHN R. NORTON,
ALBON W. PARKER, } *Assessors of
Melrose
for 1888.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1888.

Amount of warrant and tax list received from the	
assessors	\$85,857 31
Additional assessments	300 52
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	\$86,157 83
Abatements in 1888 (see assessors' report)	433 33
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	\$85,724 50
Interest collected	114 41
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	\$85,838 91
Cash paid treasurer	57,826 71
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Balance unpaid, Jan. 1, 1889	\$28,012 20

PARKER MERRILL,

Collector for 1888.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1887.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1888	\$28,881 32
Abated during 1888	157 60
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	\$28,723 72
Interest collected during 1888	1,023 67
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	\$29,747 39
Amount paid treasurer during 1888	28,100 00
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	\$1,647 39

M. F. EASTMAN,

Collector for 1887.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the books of the treasurer for the year ending Jan. 28, 1889, and find them correctly kept and proper vouchers and orders accompanying them.

We have also examined the books connected with the Water Department, and find them correctly kept.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,
WALTER I. NICKERSON.
GILBERT N. HARRIS,

Auditors.

MELROSE, Feb. 13, 1889.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

We hereby submit the following as the report of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

During the past year the department has been called out to nineteen alarms, as follows :

1888.		ALARMS.	LOSS.	PAID INSURANCE.	TOTAL LOSS.
Jan.	1.	O. F. Ingalls, planing mill	\$1,400 00	\$1,200 00	\$200 00
"	"	" " stock	2,000 00		2,000 00
"	19.	John Robbins, house			
"	23.	G. W. Emerson, house	1,950 00	1,950 00	
"	"	" " 2d alarm.			
Feb.	4.	D. L. Taylor, greenhouse.	1,025 00	1,025 00	
Mar.	8.	G. W. Chipman, block	14,660 00	14,500 00	160 00
"	"	C. C. Ames, stock	500 00	250 00	250 00
"	"	Henry Osborne, stock	165 00	165 00	
April	1.	Chas. Talbot, house	200 00	150 00	50 00
"	"	W. H. Shirley, furniture	400 00	400 00	
"	7.	Bugbee & Barrett, block	1,500 00	1,400 00	100 00
"	"	" " stock	600 00	400 00	200 00
"	"	I. O. O. Fellows, furniture	1,200 00	850 00	350 00
"	"	Wm. Noyes, stock	165 00	165 00	
"	12.	Wm. Cook, house	368 00	368 00	
"	"	J. Derrington, furniture			
"	"	Calvin Varney, house	400 00	300 00	100 00
"	19.	John McCullough, house	1,400 00	1,400 00	
"	"	" " furniture	200 00	103 00	97 00
May	5.	W.A. Smith, summer h'se			
"	10.	C. Hoffinan, stable	300 00	200 00	100 00
June	18.	B. Ames, house	75 00	75 00	
"	29.	Kate Allerton, house	518 00	518 00	
"	"	H. O. Mitchell, furniture	300 00	150 00	150 00
July	10.	Brush fire			
"	27.	Oliver Moore, house	150 00	150 00	
"	9.	Joel Atwood, shop			
Nov.	21.	Nancy N. Locke, house	290 50	290 50	
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			\$29,766 50	\$26,009 50	\$3,757 00

DEPARTMENT.

The department consists of three hose companies of twelve men each ; one hook and ladder company of twenty men, together with a board of three engineers who have in charge the houses and all the apparatus therein.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus of the department is as follows: three hose carriages, together with four thousand feet of hose in good order, and six hundred feet the worse for wear ; one hook and ladder truck with eight ladders, hooks, rakes, forks and all other equipments, also a nest of ladders at the Highlands hose house.

FIRE ALARM.

During the past year a system of the Gamewell Fire Alarm has been introduced which has proved satisfactory.

RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend the appropriation of twenty-six hundred dollars for the ordinary expenses of the department ; for contingent, three hundred dollars ; for fire alarm, seventy-five dollars. We also recommend that a fire alarm box be located on Upham street, near East street, also one on Washington street, near Trenton street.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LYNDE,
W. B. ELLIS,
SAMUEL LEAR,
Engineers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD
OF
WATER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MELROSE, MASS.,
FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

MELROSE :
DUNTON & POTTER, PRINTERS.
1889.

TOWN OF MELROSE, MASS.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONERS.

WINGATE P. SARGENT. WILBUR D. FISKE.

JOHN R. JONES, (deceased.)

GEORGE L. MORSE.

SUPERINTENDENT.

PARKER MERRILL.

PUMPING STATION.

CHARLES F. CHURCHILL, *Engineer.*

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

To the Town of Melrose:

In compliance with an Act of the Legislature passed April 2, 1870, the Melrose Water Board have the honor of submitting their nineteenth annual report; also the report of the superintendent containing a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, and operations of the water department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

It is with sorrow that we enter upon our report the death of our much esteemed associate, John R. Jones, who died at his residence on Prospect street, on Thursday, Nov. 15th. We shall always cherish his memory for his kind words and acts and the faithful and conscientious discharge of all his duties as a member of our board for the past four years.

During the months of February and March, with Malden and Medford, we had all the brush in the western part of the pond cut and burned, preventing large quantities of vegetable matter floating into the pond and decomposing, thereby improving the quality of the water.

A new copper suction pipe and strainer has been placed in the pond attached to the main pipe by a swivel joint so that it can be raised to the surface, if necessary, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing; also, for taking water from any depth that circumstances may require. At present we are drawing water from near the surface, believing it to be purer than from the bottom.

PUMPING STATION.

The pumping engine at the station has been run the past as during the previous year, to the entire satisfaction of your

board, with very slight expense for repairs, and is now in perfect working condition.

The pier covering the shore section of the suction pipe has been raised about two feet, and graded, and the grounds around the pumping station been much improved in appearance.

THE RESERVOIR.

During the summer a substantial fence has been built around the reservoir lot, to protect it from contamination of all kinds. The grounds and embankments have been improved during the year by the frequent cutting of the grass, and the removal of stumps and stones. During the month of October the water was drawn from the reservoir and the bottom and sides thoroughly cleansed, and was found to be in excellent condition.

The months of January and February were unprecedented in the history of the water works, for the extreme and long continued cold weather, freezing the ground in many places below the water mains. Consequently many of the main pipes were frozen, necessitating the employment of a large force of men to thaw out and repair the mains and service pipes damaged by the frost.

Nine hundred and sixty feet of 10-inch pipe has been laid in Washington street, connecting with pipes already laid in that street, and thus forming a new circuit through Trenton street, by which the town could be supplied with water should it be necessary to shut off the 16-inch main on Wyoming avenue, from Masonic Hall to Ravine road.

Your commissioners recommend an appropriation for the year 1889, as follows :

For hydrants, school houses, Town Hall, engine and hose houses, ornamental and drinking fountains, the sum of \$3,000.00.

FINANCIAL.

Cost of water works to Jan. 1, 1888	\$252,942 22
Cost of construction as per report of superintendent	9,755 53
Cost of water works to Jan 1, 1889	<u>\$262,697 75</u>

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, paid coupons on \$50,000	. . .	\$1,500 00
May 1, " " " 57,000	. . .	1,140 00
July 1, " " " 100,000	. . .	3,000 00
Oct. 1, " " " 50,000	. . .	1,500 00
Nov. 1, " " " 57,000	. . .	1,140 00
Jan. 1, 1889, paid coupons on \$100,000	. . .	3,000 00
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		\$11,280 00

RECEIPTS.

From town of Melrose	. . .	\$2,000 00
" water rates	. . .	21,551 00
" pipe account	. . .	1,090 59
" stock sold	. . .	94 17
" return premium on insurance.		33 30
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		\$24,769 06

CONTRA.

Paid on interest account	. . .	\$11,280 00
Maintenance account as per report of superintendent	. . .	9,659 84
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		\$20,939 84
Surplus for the year	. . .	\$3,829 22

Furniture, Stock, Tools, etc. on hand Jan. 1, 1889.

Office furniture	. . .	\$486 00
Furniture and fixtures at pumping station	. . .	112 00
Machinery and tools of all kinds	. . .	907 00
Stock for construction	. . .	1,993 71
Stock for services and repairs	. . .	256 92
Wagons, horses, etc., in stable	. . .	887 50
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		\$41,643 13

WINGATE P. SARGENT,
WILBUR D. FISKE,
GEORGE L. MORSE,
Commissioners.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Melrose Water Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit to you my annual report, giving in detail the operations of this department, showing the progress and present condition of the works, together with a condensed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

THE POND.

The following tri-monthly record will show the condition of the pond during the year. The lowest point to which the water has been drawn was February 17, when it stood at 38 inches below high-water mark.

RECORD.

Rise and fall of Pond in 1888.

Jan.	1.	37 inches below high-water mark.				
"	10.	32	"	"	"	"
"	20.	31 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
"	30.	34 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
Feb.	10.	36	"	"	"	"
"	20.	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	28.	25 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
Mar.	10.	26	"	"	"	"
"	20.	23	"	"	"	"
"	30.	5	"	"	"	"
April	10.	1	"	"	"	"
"	20.	Full pond.				
"	30.	"	"			
May	10.	"	"			
"	20.	"	"			
"	30.	"	"			

June	10.	3 inches below high-water mark.				
"	20.	6	"	"	"	"
"	30.	11½	"	"	"	"
July	10.	15½	"	"	"	"
"	20.	21	"	"	"	"
"	30.	24½	"	"	"	"
Aug.	10.	27¼	"	"	"	"
"	20.	29¾	"	"	"	"
"	30.	31	"	"	"	"
Sept.	10.	35	"	"	"	"
"	20.	34	"	"	"	"
"	30.	27	"	"	"	"
Oct.	10.	22½	"	"	"	"
"	20.	21½	"	"	"	"
"	30.	19	"	"	"	"
Nov.	10.	14	"	"	"	"
"	20.	15	"	"	"	"
"	30.	Full pond.				
Dec.	10.	"	"			
"	20.	"	"			
"	30.	"	"			

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

- 1874—Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.
 1875—Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full, June 23.
 Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.
 1876—Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full, March 25.
 1877—Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full, March 15.
 1878—Lowest point, 27 1-2 inches, Nov. 13. Pond full, Jan. 15. Pond full, second time, Dec. 14.
 1879—Lowest point, 45 inches, Dec. 20. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1, to May 20.
 1880—Lowest point, 63 1-4 inches, Dec. 30; highest point, May 10; being then 12 inches below high-water mark.

- 1881—Lowest point, 65 inches, Jan. 8, at which time the water was down to the top of the pipe at the gate-house; commenced pumping, and continued until Jan. 22. The pump was started again Feb. 6, and run until Feb. 13. Pond full and running over from March 22 to April 30. Next lowest point, 32 inches, Dec. 22.
- 1882—Lowest point, 37 1-2 inches, Dec. 21. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 3 to April 3.
- 1883—Lowest point, 82 inches, Dec. 30. The highest point reached was 15 inches below high-water mark, May 30. Commenced pumping Sept 23, and continued to pump to this time, Dec. 31.
- 1884—Lowest point, 82 1-2 inches, Jan. 1. Pond full and running over from April 16 to May 10. Next lowest point 40 1-4 inches, Nov. 23.
- 1885—Lowest point, 41 1-2 inches, Oct. 31. The highest point reached was on May 24, when it was 4 1-2 inches below high-water mark.
- 1886—Lowest point, 55 inches, Nov. 10. Full pond, running over at water-way from Feb. 14 to April 26.
- 1887—Lowest point, 41 3-4 inches, Dec. 10. Full pond from March 20 to May 10.
- 1888—Lowest point, 38 inches, Feb. 17. Full pond from April 3 to June 2, and from Nov. 30 to Dec. 31.

TABLE SHOWING LEVELS BELOW SPOT POND ROLLWAY.

Surveys made in 1884 by PERCY M. BLAKE, C. E., and
GEORGE H. BISHOP, C. E.

Below Rollway.	
Feet.	Reservoir 98 feet above rollway.
0.00	Rollway.
5.61	Lowest point on pipe line bet'n Woodland ave. and Ravine rd.
22.39	Summit of Ravine road, near spring barrel in ground.
83.00	Northwest corner Ravine road and Washington street.
92.20	Intersection of Ravine road and Wyoming Avenue.
97.19	Intersection of Trenton street and Wyoming Avenue.
98.53	West rail Boston & Maine Railroad at Wyoming station.
0.37	Piazza floor of W. P. Sargent's house on Wyoming Hill.
99.62	Intersection Berwick street and Wyoming Avenue.
91.56	Corner Main and Foster streets.
86.06	Fall from rollway to top of underpinning of Town Hall.
32.00	Sill of lower window of J. O. Norris's house, Cedar Park.
92.17	Intersection of Main and Essex streets.
41.09	Intersection of Upham street and Bellevue Avenue.
13.78	Sill of Upham street schoolhouse.
18.00	In front of G. W. Chipman's house on extension of Tremont st.
3.00	Top of hill, opposite G. W. Chipman's house.
73.00	Track of Boston & Maine railroad, 100 ft. north of Franklin st.
18.00	Foundation of P. W. Curry's house, Orris street.
3.16	Doleful Pond above Spot Pond, Nov. 13, 1884.

STREET MAINS.

Pipe has been laid the past year as specified below: 960 feet of ten-inch; 1,287 feet of six-inch; 6,686 feet of four-inch; 209 feet of two-inch.

TABLE SHOWING LOCATION, SIZE, LENGTH, ETC., OF DISTRIBUTING PIPE LAID IN 1888.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	LENGTH IN FEET OF EACH SIZE.					GATES.	HYDRANTS.	Cost.
		10-in.	6-in.	4-in.	2-in.	¾-in.			
Warren.....	North from Franklin.....	.....	.....	710	.....	Ledge.	1	.....	\$668 50
Botolph.....	From Warren (West).....	.....	.....	435	.....	Ledge.	2	1	421 00
Summit Avenue.....	From Botolph (North).....	.....	.....	442	.....	Ledge.	1	1	423 30
Cleveland.....	Extended (south).....	.....	.....	383	.....	.....	.....	.....	227 95
Summer.....	Extended (north).....	.....	.....	260	.....	.....	1	.....	172 20
Orient Avenue.....	Extended (south).....	.....	.....	607	.....	.....	1	1	434 06
Dill's Court.....	From Foster (North).....	.....	.....	360	.....	.....	1	.....	223 26
First.....	From Sixth (East).....	.....	348	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	334 48
Batchelder.....	From Porter to Bellevue Avenue.....	.....	.....	834	.....	.....	2	1	385 84
Greenwood.....	From Franklin to Warren.....	.....	.....	910	.....	.....	2	.....	654 00
Bellevue Avenue.....	From Porter (North).....	.....	364	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	347 52
Tibbetts Place.....	From Washington.....	.....	.....	144	.....	.....	1	.....	116 64
Main.....	From Short (North).....	.....	575	.....	.....	.....	2	1	600 25
Short.....	From Green to Main.....	.....	.....	216	.....	.....	2	.....	140 40
Melrose.....	From Main (West).....	.....	.....	175	.....	.....	1	.....	113 75
Chestnut.....	Extended north to Lynde.....	.....	.....	245	.....	.....	.....	.....	153 68
Chestnut Park.....	From Chestnut.....	.....	.....	226	.....	.....	.....	.....	166 60
Washington.....	From Ravine Road.....	960	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1,137 30
Lebanon.....	Extended (South).....	.....	.....	205	.....	.....	.....	.....	143 50
Lynde Place.....	From Lebanon.....	.....	.....	380	.....	.....	1	1	256 00
Linwood Avenue.....	Extended (South).....	.....	.....	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 84
Ingalls Court.....	From Main.....	.....	.....	.....	209	Ledge.	1	.....	101 54
	Service pipe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,526	.....	.....	1,136 70
		960	1,287	6,686	209	2,526	22	7	\$8,709 31

HYDRANTS.

Every fire hydrant has been thoroughly examined, cleaned and oiled, and all the defective parts replaced with new.

Seven new hydrants have been added to the fire service since the last report :

- One on Tremont street, near Lake avenue.
- One on Summit avenue, opp. house of Harry Batchelder.
- One on Orient avenue, opp. house of William Morss.
- One on Batchelder street, near Bellevue avenue.
- One on Lynde place, opp. House of Sherman Lynde.
- One on Trenton street, opp. Florence Pettengill's house.
- One on Main street, north of Short street.
- One on Botolph street, opp. John McDonald's house.

HYDRANTS RE-SET.

The following hydrants have been taken out, and replaced with new ones, or repaired :

- One corner Main street and Wyoming avenue.
- One on Foster street, opp. Congregational church.
- One corner of Porter and Linden streets.
- One on Main street, between Grove and Lynde streets.
- One on Myrtle street, opp. Vine.
- One on Cedar Park, corner of Vinton street.
- One on corner of Franklin and Warren streets.
- One corner of Foster and Main streets.
- One corner Vinton and Florence streets.
- One on Tremont street, opp. house of S. E. Sewall.

SERVICE PIPES.

One hundred and twenty-one new services have been laid the past year, the largest number laid in any year since the works were established.

Total number of services connected with the mains at the present time is fifteen hundred and forty-seven.

Ground plans of all new houses have been placed in the service book and all service boxes located.

Bakehouses	3
Blacksmith shop	1
Boarding houses	2
Churches	7
Carriage shop	1
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish markets	4
Greenhouses	6
Hand hose	437
Hydrants	131
Halls	7
Laundry	2
Livery and boarding stables	3
Manufactories	6
Motors	5
Ornamental fountains	5
Private stables	102
Printing offices	2
Public drinking fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad depots	4
Stand-pipes	5
Schoolhouses	8
Stores and shops	42
Truck and cart stables	36
Number water-takers as per register	1,501

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received for Water Rates exclusively.

1870-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31
1875	7,882 85
1876	8,788 93
1877	8,850 45
1878	9,267 95
1879	9,717 13
1880	9,822 14

1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,223	84
1882	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,818	84
1883	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,826	05
1884	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13,695	51
1885	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15,192	79
1886	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17,300	66
1887	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19,169	99
1888	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21,687	74

Estimated income for 1889, \$23,500.

MAINTENANCE.

Ætna Rubber Co., packing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$18	95
Ames Plow Co., shovels and picks	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56	69
Phillips & Hodgdon, hay and grain	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	42
Walter D. Hicks, labor on engine house, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35	75
Perry Bros., tools, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70	73
J. W. Jenkins, damage to team	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	00
W. E. Locke, expressing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	40
O. E. Drown, labor and stock	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26	00
F. M. McLaughlin, services at Spot Pond	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
J. W. Davis, services at Spot Pond	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	00
C. A. Wells, horse-shoeing	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	00
Richard J. Hiatt, use of boats	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	50
John B. Souther, chair	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	00
Henry N. Cass, frames	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	35
James Marshall, gravel and wood	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	60
Trumbull & Cheney, use of engine	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	50
Frost & Hawes, oil	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41	
Joel Atwood, labor and stock	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42	35
Josiah York, labor on wood	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	50
Walter C. Stevens, additions to map	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	00
Mary D. Ellis, rent of stable	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60	00
John C. Howes, sundries	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	111	14
H. S. Ingalls, woodwork	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	20
Eastman's Express	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	85	90
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	125	89
W. W. Boardman, horse hire	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55	25

Amount carried forward, \$875 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$875 78
Addison Lane, services as superintendent	416 67
Parker Merrill, services as superintendent	912 53
J. F. Mayo, labor	15 62
Andrew L. Maclachlan, harness and repairs	97 20
S. B. Knowles, steam hose	12 70
A. Mudge & Son, printing reports	13 92
Alden B. Smith, pung shaft	2 85
Sewall & Day, jute packing	70
J. D. Littlefield & Son, ice	7 50
Cotton and Woolen Mutual Insurance Company, insurance on pumping station	55 50
J. S. Freeman	1 80
Leonard & Ellis, oil	45 00
William Morse, labor and stock	27 18
Eastern Supply Co., rubber packing	11 70
Gould Packing Co., packing	17 28
Serbert Cylinder Oil Co., oil caps	13 13
Malden Steam Dye House, rug and matting	2 35
W. H. Galliver, can polish	2 00
A. M. Gardner, grind stone	7 50
L. T. Freeman, teaming	7 00
City of Malden, work at gate house	148 13
A. B. Franklin, enameled pipe	52 11
C. F. Churchill, engineer	800 00
J. J. Brown, clipping horses	5 00
Boston and Lockport Blocking Co., blocks	3 40
N. E. Telephone Co.	18 41
J. W. Hamilton, horse-shoeing	25 60
Joseph Edwards, repairs	10 70
W. A. Burrell, sundries	79
J. B. Johnson, repairs	4 55
Geo. W. Bartlett, hay and straw	194 68
Bowker, Torrey & Co., tablet, bolts, etc.	52 30
O. F. Ingalls, wood turning	1 00
Westgate & Johnson, insurance	27 25
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., boots	6 25

Amount brhught forward, . . . \$3,896 18

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$3,896 18
Harry Hunt, brass and packing		21 67
Benj. Kempton, labor		14 00
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., galvanized chain		1 00
H. A. Hartley & Co., matting		1 50
F. E. Richardson, earth dressing		9 00
Geo. W. Dew, painting		7 90
Chandler & Barber, brass chain, etc.		16 18
Jenkins Bros., packing		2 38
Dodge, Haley & Co.		55
William L. Williams, printing		6 50
L. B. Wilder, printing water bills		20 00
Edson Manufacturing Co., suction hose		19 95
Albon W. Parker, painting		12 70
R. Gibbons, slates and labor		3 26
Justus Geist, flowers		10 00
C. B. & F. H. Goss, grain, etc.		4 50
W. A. Jefts, stove		14 00
Dunton & Potter, printing		7 50
Expense account, as per cash book		54 48
S. E. Benson, coal and wood	1,431	19
A. F. Sargent, survey of Spot Pond	211	67
Holyoke Hydrant and Iron Works		8 65
Geo. F. King & Merrill, stationery		36 41
Christian Hoffman, concreting		4 19
Charles C. Odlin		5 00
M. F. Eastman, hay and grain		34 21
Priest, Post & Co., scales		31 80
Ralph McLaughlin, distributing notices		2 00
Boston Bolt Co., galvanizing and bolts		40 88
J. R. Jones, services as commissioner		50 00
W. P. Sargent services as commissioner		50 00
Wilbur D. Fiske, services as commissioner		50 00
S. O. Eldridge, express		7 10
C. H. Isburgh, wagon		80 00
Sundry labor bills		3,512 02

\$9,659 84

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of Water Works to Jan. 1, 1888 . . . \$252,942 22

Expended this year as follows:—

Fuller, Dana & Fitz, iron . . .	\$1,289 74
James W. Riley, services as Supt. from March 1	712 52
Dalton & Ingersoll, stops and fixtures	181 54
Andrew J. Morse & Son, brass-work, etc.	59 56
Dexter Brothers, white lead . . .	6 75
Coffin Valve Co., valves . . .	4 50
Thomas McCoubry, blacksmithing . .	95 75
J. P. Deering, lumber	336 22
Addison Lane, rent of shop, . . .	120 00
Geo. F. Blake M'f'g Co., swivel joint .	80 45
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	97 52
Smith & Anthony Stove Co., furnace .	150 00
Whittier Machine Co., nuts and valves.	141 72
Boston Lead M'f'g Co., lead	96 88
Walworth M'f'g Co., service boxes . .	107 62
Somerville Iron Foundry, castings . .	39 00
George W. Townsend, diving services.	104 39
Holmes & Blanchard, shafting . . .	13 75
J. W. Bailey & Co., post and rails . .	11 96
Geo. H. Sampson, forcite	56 19
Herman Slater & Co., copper pipe . .	176 84
D. Roby & Co., cement	832 25
Chadwick Lead Works, lead	187 33
G. G. Stillman, damper regulator . .	112 50
Crosby Steam Guage Co., force pump.	46 00
W. H. Ward & Co., bands and cocks . .	262 25
Chapman Valve Co., hydrants, gates, etc.	778 22
J. H. Cunningham, service pipe . . .	478 70
Davis & Farnum M'f'g Co., pipe and clamps	453 37
Abbot Downing & Co., wagon	237 85
Robert Philpot, sand	88 50
Sunday labor bills	2,395 26

\$9,755 53

Cost of Water Works to Jan. 1, 1889 . . . \$262,697 75

I have collected, as specified below, for water rates, including \$2,000 appropriated by the town, the sum of \$23,687.74, and from other sources \$1,218.06, making a total of \$24,905.80, which sum has been paid to the town treasurer, and for which I hold his receipts.

The following table shows the different classes of water-takers, and the amount paid by each; also the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families	.	.	.	\$17,721	27
"	"	stores and shops	.	.	317 46
"	"	manufactories	.	.	468 17
"	"	use of hose	.	.	1,311 00
"	"	stables	.	.	892 75
"	"	motors	.	.	38 91
"	"	meters	.	.	511 18
"	"	greenhouses	.	.	128 00
"	"	halls	.	.	84 00
"	"	fountains	.	.	20 00
"	"	churches	.	.	57 00
"	"	depots	.	.	132 00
"	"	private school	.	.	6 00
					<hr/> \$21,687 74
"	"	pipe accounts	.	.	\$1,090 59
"	"	stock sold	.	.	94 17
"	"	return premium insur-			
		ance	.	.	33 30
"	"	town of Melrose	.	.	2,000 00
					<hr/> \$3,218 06
					<hr/> \$24905 80

Respectfully submitted,

PARKER MERRILL,

Superintendent.

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

	PER YEAR.
Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used for the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For the first bath-tub	5 00
For each addition bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house occupied by one family shall pay more than \$25 per year.	
For each additional family using either a bath-tub or water-closet	3 00
When two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub, when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purposes, for	
first faucet	\$6 00 to 20 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$4 00
For each additional horse	2 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLES.

For first horse	\$4 00
For each additional horse	2 00
The above includes water for washing carriages.	
Where hose is used, \$5.00 additional,	

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$3 00
For each additional horse	1 00
The above includes water for washing carriages.	

HOSE.

For use of hose	\$3 00 to 10 00
As may be agreed upon by the water commissioners.	

HOTELS.

For each bed for borders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel .	\$10 00
For water closet in public bath houses . . .	10 00

STEAM ENGINE.

For stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power .	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used . .	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period
of not more than four months a year.

For a jet of one sixteenth of an inch . . .	\$3 00
For a jet of one eighth of an inch . . .	5 00
For a jet of one quarter of an inch . . .	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the superin-
tendent.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the
foregoing rates, special contract must be made
with the water commissioners.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF MAIN AND DISTRIBUTING PIPES
TO PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.							Hydrants.	GATES.					
	16-in.	14-in.	12-in.	10-in.	8-in.	6-in.	4-in.		16-in.	12-in.	10-in.	8-in.	6-in.	4-in.
Albion							477							I
Allen Place								138						I
Ashland							1,955	2						4
Auburn							372							I
Avon							422							I
Baxter							484	I						I
Battery Place								150						I
Batchelder							834	I						2
Botolph							435	I						2
Borneo						924			2				I	
Bellevue Avenue						774	1,000	2					I	2
Belmont							376							I
Berwick							1,226½	I						2
Brazil							1,115	2						2
Cedar Park							1,206½	595	2					2
Charles							335	I						
Chestnut							817	I						2
Circuit							438							2
Cleaveland							1,065	I						I
Cottage							1,142	193	2					2
Chestnut Park							226							
Dell Avenue							1,190							I
Dill's Court							360							I
East							534							I
Ellsworth Avenue								314						I
Elm							1,057	I						I
Emerald							508	I						2
Emerson Place								251						I
Emerson						1,159½	3,987	6					2	4
Essex							1,890	3						2
Felton Place								245						I
Fifth							934							3
First						1,803		3						2
Florence							1,340½	I						2
Foster							682	1,470½	2				I	2
Franklin						3,155½	1,169	4						2
Glen							532							I
Goodyear Avenue					1,235		398	4				2		
Green						2,700		3					2	
Greenwood							1,263	I						2
Grove						1,865	1,669½	4					I	
Grundy Place								202						I
Herbert							220	158½						I
High							376	600	I					I
Highland Avenue								250						I
Hillside Avenue							337	291						I
Howard							922	383	I					2
Hurd							768							I
Ingalls Court								209						I
Irving							387							I
Lake Avenue							1,230	I						2
Lebanon							3,175	2						3
Linden								200						I
Linden Place								286						
Lin'd ave. & Lynde							3,114	3						I
Lynde Place							380	I						I
Main			4,010			4,359	1,069	701	10	2			2	3
Maple and Poplar							2,265½	2						3
Melrose							2,514½	2						4
Melrose Place							510							I

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF MAIN AND DISTRIBUTING PIPES
TO PRESENT TIME.—*Continued.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.								Hydrants.	GATES.					
	16-in.	14-in.	12-in.	10-in.	8-in.	6-in.	4-in.	2-in.		16-in.	12-in.	10-in.	8-in.	6-in.	4-in.
Mt. Vernon.....							551		1					1	
Mt. Vernon Place..							224							1	
Myrtle.....							2,230		3					6	
Ninth.....								255							
Oakland.....							1,161		1					1	
Orient.....							1,047		1					2	
Orient Place.....								184							1
Orris.....							1,268							3	
Otis.....								780							
Panama.....						112									
Para.....						268									
Perkins.....							236							1	
Pine.....							338		1					1	
Pleasant.....								1,125							1
Porter.....							2,514½		3					1	
Pond to Wy'ng Ave	3,810									2					
Pratt.....							378		1					1	
Prospect Avenue..							500		1					1	
Pump to int'section			3,032						2	2					
Prospect.....							1,026		1					1	
Reservoir.....		96													
Rowe.....							950	552	2					3	1
Res. to Ravine Rd.			1,370							2					
Russell.....							448							1	
School.....								495							
Second.....						1,185			3				1		
Seventh.....								288							1
Short.....							216							2	
Sixth.....							292							2	
Stevens Place.....							110	216							
Summer.....							961		2					2	
Summit Avenue..							442		1					1	
Suction.....			250												
Tappan.....								521							1
Tenth.....							419							2	
Third.....							287	247						1	1
Tremont.....							3,180	500	3					4	1
Trenton.....						1,233	1,331½		2				2	2	
Tibbetts Place....							144							1	
Union.....							530							1	
Upham.....							5,581		6					3	
Vine.....							691							2	
Vinton.....						4,817½	436		7				4		
Walnut.....							187½							1	
Walton Park.....							1,097		2						
Warren.....							1,342		2					2	
Washington.....				960			3,025		3		2			2	
Waverly Place....							690½		1					1	
West Hill.....							158							1	
Wing.....							375							1	
Willow.....								663							1
Winter.....							241							1	
Winthrop Place....							520		1						
Winthrop.....							695½							2	
Wyoming Avenue..	3,360						1,076		3	3				1	
Waste.....						55	51						3	2	
Youle.....							1,655½		2					1	
	7,170	96	8,752	960	1,235	25,092	86,232	10,993	131	5	6	2	2	24	137 21

Total length of Main and distributing pipes 26 80-100 miles.

REPORT

OF THE

WATER LOAN SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

MELROSE, DEC. 31, 1888.

The Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners present the following report for the year ending at the above date. Our receipts during the past year have been as follows:—

From water board, being surplus for 1887	\$2,832 28
Income from investments	1,438 58

We have invested in first mortgage on real estate in Melrose	3,000 00
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The present condition of the sinking fund is as follows:

Town of Melrose, high service 4's	\$13,000 00
Town of Melrose, water bonds series 1887, 4's	3,000 00
Mortgages on real estate in Melrose	13,800 00
U. S. bonds, 4½'s	3,500 09
City of Providence, 5's	1,000 00
Cash in Melrose savings bank	2,418 05

\$36,718 05

Referring to our treasurer's report for a full statement of receipts and payments.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL RUSSELL,
JOHN W. FARWELL,
ROYAL P. BARRY,

Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners.

The Water Commissioners wish to make the following statement: The gravity system has not been used since high service was introduced. Since that time *all* the water used has been pumped into the reservoir. The reservoir is 17 feet deep, and the engineer's orders are now, and have been, to fill at every pumping; not so as to run over the banking, or endanger it, but in winter within 18 inches of the top, and summer 12 inches.

The above statement is called out by an enquiry "presuming we were not pumping now, because the pond is *full*," evidently not realizing that the gravity system, even with the pond full, would be of but little use at West Hill, Walton Park, or even Bellevue avenue.

NOTE. On page 97 of this report, the sum total of stock and tools on hand should read \$4,643.13; through typographical error it is printed \$41,643.13. On page 109, read sundry labor bills, instead of sunday labor bills, as printed.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

MELROSE :
DUNTON & POTTER, PRINTERS.
1889.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1888.

The trustees of the public library present their eighteenth annual report.

During the year our esteemed fellow member, Mr. C. C. Barry resigned his position as secretary of the board, having served continuously for sixteen years. It would have been very gratifying if we could have induced him to continue in the position he has so efficiently filled, but this he absolutely refused to do, and another member was chosen for the work.

The supplementary catalogue has been published and is now in the hands of the patrons of the library. Also a catalogue of the books of reference has been issued and can be obtained of the librarian in the reading-room.

In March, 1888, Mr. Charles A. Patch and Miss Mary L. Charles were elected members of the board.

In December, Hon. W. E. Barrett repeated the generous gift of the year before and presented to the trustees his check for one hundred dollars, suggesting that we "use a part of it to purchase books bearing upon the building, furnishing, decoration and surrounding of homes, making the rest a nucleus for a permanent fund." This the trustees have decided to do and to call it the Wm. Emerson Barrett Fund, the foundation of which was made last year.

Mr. Barrett takes an honest interest in enlarging and developing this department, and promises to give from time to

time, such amounts as will enable the trustees to make it effective and of far reaching importance.

Mr. Barrett has set an example worthy of many followers and we trust other departments may be similarly favored.

The income of the Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund has been used to complete the set of works by Benjamin Franklin, and to purchase a volume of Pamphlets on the Constitution of the United States, published During its Discussion by the People, 1787-88.

There are only five hundred copies of the book published, and we were fortunate enough to secure one.

During the year past your committee have enlarged the shelf-room of the library, by putting a new book-case in the centre of each alcove, thus giving, for the time being, the needed room, but we cannot find space much longer for further enlargement, as the unoccupied shelves will undoubtedly be filled before another year. Is it not time for the citizens to seriously consider the future accommodation of the library?

The library has been opened Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, with the exception of legal holidays. The statistics of the library for the year 1888 are as follows :

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Number of volumes in library, Jan. 1. 1888	.	.	7,401
“ “ “ purchased this year	.	406	
“ “ “ donated “ “	.	9	
		<hr/>	415
“ “ “ in library Jan. 1, 1889	.		7,816
Number of persons using library, Jan. 1, 1888	.		2,851
“ “ cards issued this year	.	358	
“ “ “ relinquished this year	.	39	
		<hr/>	319
Number of persons using library, Jan. 1, 1889	.		3,170

Largest number of volumes issued in one day .	467
Smallest “ “ “ “ “ “ .	14
Average “ “ “ “ Mondays .	96
“ “ “ “ Saturdays .	374
Whole “ “ “ “ in March .	3,274
“ “ “ “ in May .	2,762
“ “ “ “ in October .	2,856
“ “ “ “ in December .	3,002
“ “ “ “ in 1888 .	32,986

Mr. C. S. Mixter has kindly presented to the library a very comprehensive Catalogue of the Public Libraries of the United States of America, their History, Condition and Management. Parts I and II.

We have also received from Mrs. Wm. Bailey, 13 volumes of The Family Library, and from Miss Cheever, Littell's Living Age, Atlantic Monthly, and the Popular Science Monthly for 1886-87.

Our reading-room is being more and more appreciated each year, and the increase of regular patronage shows the importance of this branch of the library. The publications to be found on the forms and tables meet the varied wants of a large class of readers and students, and the steady growth in interest is very perceptible.

The reading-room has been opened every evening during the week; also, on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, with the exception of legal holidays and the monthly meeting of the school committee. Statistics of the reading-room are as follows:—

Number of persons using the reading-room Jan.	
1, 1888	10,680
Number of persons using the reading-room,	
Jan. 1, 1889	10,908
Largest number in one month	1,151
“ “ “ day	136
Books brought from library used in reading-	
room	102
Number of books replaced in 1888	99
“ “ rebound “ “	761
“ “ magazines bound for library	21

The following list gives an idea of the various publications that each reader has to choose from :—

*Magazines.**Donors.*

American Agriculturist.

American Naturalist.

Art Amateur.

Atlantic Monthly Magazine.

Academy.

Daniel Jefferson.

Art Magazine, Cassell's.

Chambers' Monthly Magazine.

Century.

Chautauquan.

Cottage Hearth.

F. P. Shumway.

Eclectic Monthly Magazine.

English Mechanic,

Eclectical Review.

G. W. Mansfield.

Gartenlaube.

Harper's Monthly Magazine.

“ Young People.

“ Bazar.

“ Weekly.

Littell's Living Age.

London Punch.

London Illustrated News.

Lippincott's.

Friend

Literary World.

Daniel Jefferson

Magazine of American History.

Modern Light and Heat.

G.W. Mansfield.

Nation.

North American Review.

Outing Monthly Magazine.

Overland Monthly Magazine.

Popular Science Monthly.

Scribner's Monthly Magazine.

St. Nicholas Magazine.

Science.

Scientific American.

Scientific American Architect and
Builder.

*Magazines.**Donors*

Wide Awake.

Woman's Magazine.

The Forum.

The Electrician.

Publishers.

Mr. Davidson.

DONATIONS.

Pamphlets.

Number of pamphlets in library Jan. 1, 1888	.	.	963
Annual Report of the Boston Public Library	.	.	1
“ “ “ Chicago “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Hopedale “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Lancaster “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Malden “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Manchester, N. H., Public Library	.	.	1
“ “ “ Newton “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Somerville “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Watertown “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Woburn “ “ . . .	.	.	1
“ “ “ Bebee “ “ . . .	.	.	1
Proceedings of trustees of the Newberry Library, Chicago . . . . .	.	.	1
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office . . . .	.	.	52
The Tuftonian . . . . .	.	.	17
Bulletin of Boston Public Library . . . . .	.	.	2
Herbert Spencer, on the Americans, D. Jefferson	.	.	1
The Man versus The State, “ “ . . .	.	.	1
National Sin of Literary Piracy, “ “ . . .	.	.	1
Mr. Henry George, Unproved Assumption, D. Jefferson	.	.	1
Among the Americans, D. Jefferson	.	.	1
Story of the Victoria Jubilee Banquet . . . . .	.	.	1
Oration of Hon. George F. Hoar of Massachusetts, D. Jefferson	.	.	1
Jesus Christ Eternally Alive, . . . C. O. Bradlee	.	.	1

Books.

Tenth Census.
 The Smoked Tank.
 Leaves From a Diary.
 Life in the World's Wonderland.
 International Council of Women.
 My Story of the War.
 Letters on the Eucharist.
 Mammon, Maud Howe.
 The Spell of Home, Mrs. Wister.

Donors.

H. M. Lovering.
 M. Grisby.
 S. T. Clover.
 E. A. Sherman.
 M. A. Livermore.
 M. A. Livermore.
 Mrs. O. E. Phinney.
 Friend.
 Friend.

Papers.

Alta, California.
 Christian Register.
 Cincinnati Gazette.
 London Weekly Times.
 Melrose Journal.
 Melrose Reporter.
 New York Tribune.
 National Tribune, G. A. R.
 Pilot.
 Springfield Republican.
 Weekly Inter-Ocean.
 Weekly Courier-Journal, of Louisville, Ky.
 Weekly News and Courier, of Charleston, S. C.
 Woman's Journal.
 Youth's Companion.

Donors.

Woman's Aux. Uni. Ch.

 L. F. Williams.
 Dunton & Potter.

 Mrs. M. A. Livermore.

Among the donations mentioned above, we have received from a friend, refusing to have his name used, Lippincott's, for the reading-room, and a copy of Maud Howe's Mammon, and Mrs. Wister's Spell of Home, for the library.

To all donors of books, pamphlets, papers, or magazines, the trustees extend their heartfelt thanks.

The librarian, Miss C. M. Worthen, and her assistants, have attended faithfully to the duties assigned them, and have courteously rendered valuable aid in the choice of books.

Before long we shall be obliged to revise our catalogue and have an entire new edition. In order to do this a special appropriation from the town will be required, and it will be necessary to close the library while the work is going on.

For the year 1889-90, we ask an appropriation for the library and reading-room of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the trustees,

RUBY F. FARWELL,

Secretary.

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
CHARLES C. BARRY,		
RUBY F. FARWELL,		
MARY L. CHARLES,		
CHARLES A. PATCH,		

STATEMENT OF THE HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND.

FROM JAN. 1, 1888, TO JAN. 1, 1889.

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By balance on hand Jan. 1, 1888	\$515 80
By interest from Melrose savings bank . .	20 10
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	\$535 90

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To cash paid G. P. Putnam's Sons, books . .	\$30 00
To cash paid C. L. Woodward, books . . .	5 00
Balance on hand	500 90
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	\$535 90

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. GOSS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1888.

MELROSE :
DUNTON & POTTER, PRINTERS.
1889.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ORGANIZATION.

JOHN O. NORRIS, <i>Chairman</i> ,	.	.	Term expires, 1890.
MRS. S. W. BRADBURY, <i>Secretary</i> ,	.	" "	1890.
MRS. A. B. P. WATERHOUSE,	.	" "	1889.
MR. C. F. LORING,	.	" "	1889.
MRS. A. K. MILLER,	.	" "	1891.
MR. JOHN C. MAKER,	.	" "	1891.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

On accounts.

MR. LORING.
MR. MAKER.
MR. NORRIS.

Centre District.

MRS. MILLER.
MRS. WATERHOUSE.
MRS. BRADBURY.

On High School.

MR. NORRIS.
MRS. BRADBURY.
MRS. WATERHOUSE.

Highlands District.

MRS. WATERHOUSE.
MR. LORING.
MR. MAKER.

Wyoming District.

MR. MAKER.
MRS. BRADBURY.
MRS. MILLER.

Text Books and Course of Study.

MR. NORRIS.
MRS. MILLER.
MR. LORING.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Melrose:

The School Committee respectfully present this, their annual report:—

As their work comes properly under two distinct departments, it is so considered in this report.

No inconsiderable portion of the service of your committee is employed in the care of the buildings and other school property.

Your attention is invited, first then, to an account of what has been done, during the past year, to preserve, improve and care for all the property under the control of this board.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

It has been the desire of the committee to keep the school property in a good condition.

The Centre school building, which has had but little work done on its interior since its erection, was put into as good a condition as possible during the summer vacation.

The walls were newly kalsomined, and all the interior wood-work was painted thoroughly or covered with two coats of hard finish.

A great deal of labor was required to put the pupils' desks into good condition, as many of them were older than the building and have the marks of many years' service, testifying to the zealous efforts of many a vigorous boy to carve his name in letters that the hand of time would not efface.

The jack-plane of a carpenter has destroyed all such attempts at acquiring fame, and now these desks are smooth and clean, a condition that can easily be maintained by care and vigilance on the part of teachers.

It is the wish of the committee that a careful watch should be kept by teachers and janitors on all school property, to the end that all marring or injury of the same may be prevented.

This is necessary not only on account of the appearance of the buildings and furniture, but it is an important part of a child's training to cause him to look upon the property of the town as requiring as much care and as good usage at his hands as that of his own home, or of those homes that he visits.

Many a boy has a different standard as to defacing public property from that which he is taught to set for himself in private houses.

He would not think of cutting or scratching the arm-chair in the parlor, or the dining-room table at home, but he hacks away at his desk at school without any compunctions.

Such a boy needs to be made to feel a pride in keeping things neat and clean, and to be willing to put some restraint on himself, and his pocket-knife. Not long ago the writer looked into a school room just at the close of the session and found a great scrubbing and cleaning going on.

On inquiry he was told by the teacher that the pupils were removing ink stains from their desks.

An examination of the desks in that room showed them to be nearly as perfect and as clean as when first put in, some three or four years ago.

Each succeeding class has learned that in that room the furniture must be kept in good condition, and has done its part to maintain the standard set by that teacher.

This same condition can be reached, and ought to be reached everywhere.

At Upham street, the building and fence were repainted and repaired, new blackboards were put in, and everything that seemed out of repair was put into good shape.

New concrete walks and sidewalks were laid at the Franklin and Vinton street school houses, and a strip of concrete was put round the Franklin school house, while that round the Grove street building was top-dressed.

At the old Green street school house, extensive repairs

were made on the lower room, and it was put into as good condition as possible, care being taken to make such improvements as would do away with the causes for complaint that formerly existed in that building.

The absence of complaint this season leads us to conclude that we have been successful.

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

In such a town as ours, with many small school buildings, the care of the buildings is quite a serious problem.

The wages paid for the care of one building, cannot, in the nature of things be sufficient to make it reasonable to expect any janitor to devote his whole time to it, and consequently he is sometimes wanted when he cannot be found, and sometimes the press of other duties interferes with the care of the school house.

The committee have tried to solve this problem by employing one man only for two or three school houses, with the understanding that he shall devote all his time, during the season of the year when fires are maintained, to the care of the buildings.

The plan, as far as tried, promises well, and we hope it will continue to be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

While the condition of our buildings is good and in many ways they are satisfactory, in two respects they fall short of what our town ought to have.

In the first place, they are not so well heated as they ought to be. Experience has proved conclusively that in extreme cold weather hardly any of our buildings can be properly heated.

It seems to be impossible to heat such large buildings, built of wood, with furnaces.

It is not entirely demonstrated, but the facts seem to prove that steam heating apparatus will do better.

We have four buildings of about the same size ; three are heated by furnaces and one by steam.

The latter was better heated, with about three-fourths as much coal last year, than either of the others, which consumed each about the same amount of coal, or twenty-five per cent. more than the one heated by steam.

How much of this difference is to be attributed to the fact that the building heated by steam is of brick, cannot be stated ; but even if this does have some influence, the testimony seems to be on the side of steam ; and it would probably be wise, as the present furnaces become useless, to put steam-heating apparatus into the larger buildings.

Secondly—Our buildings do not afford sufficient accommodations for our pupils.

In a town increasing in population as rapidly as ours, frequent additions to the number of school rooms must be made.

The town has responded liberally and promptly to such demands in the past, and we have no doubt will do so in the future.

It is a part of our duty to lay before the citizens what in our judgment is needed.

The first and most pressing need is at the High school building. During the past year it has been filled to its utmost capacity.

Originally built to accommodate about two hundred and twenty-five pupils, for the past year it has been crowded with more than three hundred, until every seat in the High school has been filled and all the available room has been occupied by extra seats which were also filled.

There is no room in which to put the increased number of pupils next year, which will be sure to come.

Something must be done at once. Either a new building should be built for the High school, or the present building should be enlarged and remodelled, so as to make it large enough to continue the present organization of the schools for some years to come, until the town shall be ready to build a building for the exclusive use of the High school.

We believe that the building can be adapted to the use of our schools for some years, at an expense about one-third the cost of a new building, and that the result would not only give ample room, but would remove some features that have been criticised.

Many of the remaining buildings have about as many pupils as they are adapted to, especially the Franklin School,

the Centre, Grove street, and Upham street. It will probably be necessary, in order to relieve some of the classes in these buildings, to establish another school at Green street, and to put the old building at the Highlands into temporary use, by the beginning of the school year in September.

These buildings and those on Lynde and Upham streets are very old and ought to be replaced by new ones as soon as the town is disposed to take action in the matter.

It will not be more than a year or two before the growth of the town will make more room necessary in these districts, and will compel the erection of new buildings.

Until that time shall arrive, it seems necessary to use these old buildings, making them as comfortable and attractive as possible, and we trust parents will recognize the wisdom of this course and complain only when there is some real reason for it.

OTHER SCHOOL PROPERTY.

All the books and apparatus belonging to the schools is in good condition, considering all the circumstances. Many of the books, purchased when the state law requiring towns to furnish books free went into effect, are worn out and new ones must be bought. This may make a little larger appropriation for school contingent necessary. In this connection the committee take pleasure in assuring the town that most excellent care is taken of all such books.

Those who are familiar with such matters speak of our town as being one of the best in the state in this respect.

New encyclopedias have been placed in the seventh grade for the use of pupils, and the apparatus necessary for the use of the college class in physics has been purchased.

The stock of general supplies has been kept up and as will be seen by the agent's report submitted at the end of this report, somewhat increased.

The conditions regarding books and supplies are like those about school accommodations. Increase of pupils means increase in expenditure and in appropriations.

We have spoken thus fully of the condition and needs of

the schools as to buildings and property, because it seems proper that all the citizens should know what has been done, and what we think ought to be done. It now remains to speak of some matters pertaining to the schools themselves.

GENERAL CONDITION.

In spite of the loss of several good teachers in June, we think a condition of good average excellence has been maintained throughout the year.

There has been comparatively little complaint to the committee on the part of parents or teachers, which shows a progress of affairs with a small amount of friction.

During the winter the chairman gave up for a time the practice of having a special office hour, as there seemed so little occasion for it.

The board feel that they are right in claiming that there has been general satisfaction, for it does not seem probable that our citizens would indulge in much criticism among themselves, and that no one should present it to those officers whose business it is to remedy defects and remove evils.

This is a very desirable condition of things, and one that ought to be maintained in a community of intelligent persons, who appreciate the value of public schools, who wish for the best results, and are willing to co-operate in obtaining them.

Yet we are far from an ideal condition of things, and it is better that such a report as this should speak of what is needed rather than dwell upon what has been done.

One thing needed is a better and more punctual attendance on the part of quite a number of pupils.

In some schools the register will show the names of pupils absent or tardy half the time. It is true that not many cases are as bad as this but there is quite a large number of cases in which a reform is needed.

Parents do not realize the importance of the work done in schools, and for trivial reasons or for none at all, simply to gratify a child's desire, permit the precious moments that should be spent in study to pass in some unprofitable or unnecessary employment.

As a rule those pupils that are absent or tardy a great deal might as well not be in school at all, so far as progress in studies is concerned, and so far as influence on the school or on the pupil's own character goes, they might better remain away entirely.

Without going through any very elaborate process of reasoning, such children come to form a low estimate of the value of school, and have no sense of moral responsibility to it; hence they are often troublesome in conduct, and are being trained to be indifferent and careless as to results, a sad preparation surely, for the responsibilities and duties of manhood and womanhood.

Most parents will confess that promptness and thoroughness are two of the most valuable characteristics in those who accomplish anything in life. Why then are they willing for merely temporary convenience or advantage, to allow their children to be trained up in total opposition to the acquirements of these important and excellent habits? In this connection attention is again called to the Public Statutes concerning school attendance, described in the report of last year, and also to the additional laws passed by the last legislature which are here given.

[CHAP. 149.]

AN ACT TO CAUSE PROPER SANITARY PROVISIONS AND PROPER VENTILATION IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLHOUSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECT. 1. Every public building and every schoolhouse shall be kept in a cleanly state and free from effluvia arising from any drain, privy, or other nuisance, and shall be provided with a sufficient number of proper water closets, earth closets, or privies for the reasonable use of the persons admitted to such public building or of the pupils attending such schoolhouse.

SECT. 2. Every public building and every schoolhouse shall be ventilated in such a proper manner that the air shall not become so exhausted as to be injurious to the health of the persons present therein. The provisions of this section and the preceeding sections shall be enforced by the inspection department of the district police force.

SECT. 3. Whenever it shall appear to an inspector of factories and

public buildings that further or different sanitary provisions or means of ventilation are required in any public building or schoolhouse in order to conform to the requirements of this act, and that the same can be provided without incurring unreasonable expense, such inspector may issue a written order to the proper person or authority directing such sanitary provisions or means of ventilation to be provided, and they shall thereupon be provided in accordance with such order by the public authority, corporation or person having charge of, owning or leasing such public building or schoolhouse.

SECT. 4. Any school committee, public officer, corporation or person neglecting for four weeks after the receipt of an order from an inspector, as provided in the preceding section, to provide the sanitary provisions or means of ventilation required thereby shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 5. The expression "public building" used in this act means any building or premises used as a place of public entertainment, instruction, resort or assemblage. The expression "schoolhouse" means any building or premises in which public or private instruction is afforded to not less than ten pupils at one time.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 20, 1888.*]

[CHAP. 348.]

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECT. 1. No child under thirteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law.

SECT. 2. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any manner before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening. No such child shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment, except during the vacation of the public schools in the city or town where he resides, unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on

file a certificate and employment ticket for such child as prescribed by section four of this act, and no such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of such city or town are in session, unless as aforesaid, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law; and such employment shall not continue in any case beyond the time when such certificate expires. The chief of the district police, with the approval of the governor, shall have authority to designate any kind or kinds of employment in factories, workshops or mercantile establishments as injurious to the health of children under fourteen years of age employed therein, and after one week's written notice from the said chief to the employer or his superintendent, overseer or other agent of such designation no such child shall be employed in any such kind or kinds of employment in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment.

SECT. 3. No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file the certificate required in the case of such child by the following section, and also keeps on file a full and complete list of such children employed therein.

SECT. 4. The certificate of a child under fourteen years of age shall not be signed until he presents to the person authorized to sign the same an employment ticket, as hereinafter prescribed, duly filled out and signed. The certificate and the employment ticket shall be separately printed, and shall be in the following forms respectively, and the blanks therein shall be filled out and signed as indicated by the words in brackets:—

EMPLOYMENT TICKET, LAW OF 1888.

When [name of child], height [feet and inches], complexion [fair or dark], hair [color], presents a certificate duly signed, I intend to employ [him or her]. [Signature of intending employer or agent.]
[Town or city and state.]

AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATE, LAW OF 1888.

This certifies that I am the [father, mother or guardian] of [name of child], and that [he or she] was born at [name of town or city], in the

county of [name of county, if known], and state [or country] of [name], on the [day and year of birth], and is now [number of years and months] old. [Signature of father, mother or guardian].

[Town or city and date.]

Then personally appeared before me the above named [name of person signing] and made oath that the foregoing certificate by [him or her] signed, is true to the best of [his or her] knowledge and belief. I hereby approve the foregoing certificate of [name of child], height [feet and inches], complexion [fair or dark], hair [color], having no sufficient reason to doubt that [he or she] is of the age therein certified.

[Signature of person authorized to sign, with official character or authority.]

[Town or city and date.]

In case the age of the child is under fourteen, the certificate shall continue as follows, after the word "certified" : And I hereby certify that [he or she] can read at sight, and can write legibly, simple sentences in the English language, and that [he or she] has attended the [name] public [or private] day school according to law for [number of weeks, which must be at least twenty] weeks during the year next preceding this date, and that the last twenty weeks of such attendance began [date]. This certificate expires [date, one year later than above date].

[Signature of the person authorized to sign, with official character or authority.]

If attendance has been at a private school, also signature of a teacher of such school, followed by words,—certifying to school attendance.

[Town or city and date.]

In case a child cannot read and write as above stated, the following may be substituted for the clause beginning "and I hereby certify" through to and including the word "language" : "and I hereby certify that [he or she] is a regular attendant at the [name] public evening school" ; but in such case the certificate shall only continue in force for as long a time as attendance of such child at such evening school is endorsed weekly during the session of such evening school, not exceeding the length of the public school year minus twenty weeks in place of attendance at day school as now provided by law, with a statement from a teacher thereof certifying that his attendance continues regular. If attendance has been at a half-time school, forty weeks of such attendance must be certified to instead of twenty. The foregoing certificate

must be filled out in duplicate, and one copy thereof shall be kept on file by the school committee. Any explanatory matter may be printed with such certificate in the discretion of the school committee or superintendent of schools.

SECT. 5. In cities and towns having a superintendent of schools, said certificate shall be signed only by such superintendent, or by some person authorized by him in writing ; in other cities and towns it shall be signed by some member or members of the school committee authorized by vote thereof : *provided, however*, that no member of a school committee, or other person authorized as aforesaid, shall have authority to sign such certificate for any child then in, or about to enter, his own employment, or the employment of a firm of which he is a member or of a corporation of which he is an officer or employee. The person signing the certificate shall have authority to administer the oath provided for therein, but no fee shall be charged therefor ; such oath may also be administered by any justice of the peace.

SECT. 6. The certificate as to the birthplace and age of a child shall be signed by his father if living and a resident of the same city or town ; if not, by his mother ; or if his mother is not living, or if living is not a resident of the same city or town, by his guardian ; if a child has no father, mother or guardian living in the same city or town, his own signature to the certificate may be accepted by the person authorized to approve the same.

SECT. 7. No child who has been continuously a resident of a city or town since reaching the age of thirteen years shall be entitled to receive a certificate that he has reached the age of fourteen unless or until he has attended school according to law in such city or town for at least twenty weeks since reaching the age of thirteen, unless exempted by law from such attendance. Before signing the approval of the certificate of age of a child, the person authorized to sign the same shall refer to the last school census taken under the provisions of section three of chapter forty-six of the Public Statutes, and if the name of such child is found thereon, and there is a material difference between his age as given therein and as given by his parent or guardian in the certificate, allowing for lapse of time, or if such child plainly appears to be of materially less age than that so given, then such certificate shall not be signed until a copy of the certificate of birth or of baptism of such child, or a copy of the register of its birth with a town or city clerk, has been produced, or other satisfactory evidence furnished that such child is of the age stated in the certificate.

SECT. 8. The truant officers may, when so authorized and required by vote of the school committee, visit the factories, workshops and mercantile establishments in their several cities and towns, and ascertain whether any children under the age of fourteen are employed therein contrary to the provisions of this act, and they shall report any cases of such illegal employment to the school committee and to the chief of the district police or the inspector of factories for the district. The inspectors of factories, and the truant officers when authorized as aforesaid, may demand the names of all children under sixteen years of age employed in such factories, workshops and mercantile establishments, and may require that the certificates and lists of such children provided for in this act shall be produced for their inspection. Such truant officers shall inquire into the employment, otherwise than in such factories, workshops and mercantile establishments, of children under the age of fourteen years, during the hours when the public schools are in session, and may require that the aforesaid certificates of all children under sixteen shall be produced for their inspection; and any such officer, or any inspector of factories, may bring a prosecution against a person or corporation employing any such child, otherwise than as aforesaid, during the hours when the public schools are in session, contrary to the provisions of this act, if such employment still continues one week after written notice from such officer or inspector that such prosecution will be brought, or if more than one such written notice, whether relating to the same child or to any other child, has been given to such employer by a truant officer or inspector of factories at any time within one year.

SECT. 9. Every parent or guardian of a child under fourteen years of age who permits any employment of such child contrary to the provisions of this act, and every owner, superintendent or overseer of any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment who employs or permits to be employed therein any child contrary to the provisions of this act, and any other person who employs any child contrary to the provisions of this act, shall for every such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the use of the public schools of the city or town. Every parent, guardian, or person authorized to sign the certificate prescribed by section four of this act, who certifies to any materially false statement therein, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A failure to produce to a truant of-

ficer or inspector of factories the certificate required by the provisions of this act shall be prima facie evidence of the illegal employment of the child whose certificate is not produced.

SECT. 10. The expressions "factory" and "workshop" used in this act shall have the meanings defined for them respectively by chapter one hundred and three of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

SECT. 11. Within one month of the passage of this act the chief of the district police shall cause a printed copy thereof to be transmitted to the school committee of every city and town in the Commonwealth.

SECT. 12. Sections one to six, inclusive, of chapter forty-eight of the Public Statutes, chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven are hereby repealed.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight. [*Approved May 17, 1888.*]

For some time the schools have been conducted on the no recess system, long enough for parents to be familiar with its results.

From all that we can learn, it is in the main satisfactory, yet it is true that there has been some little complaint in regard to it.

We should be glad to hear from all those parents who think the plan a bad one in any respect, and if it shall seem that modifications of it are needed and will be salutary, we shall feel it to be our duty to make such changes as will make it acceptable.

RESPECTS IN WHICH OUR SCHOOLS MAY BE IMPROVED.

In penmanship the committee desire to see more improvement in the next year. Time enough is given to the subject, but more special instruction seems to be demanded.

In order to attain satisfactory results, class drill is needed, with persistent repetition on the elements.

Every teacher can and ought to do a great deal of this work in order that the elementary forms may become so fixed in the child's mind that the hand will move without any conscious effort in the right way to make the letters.

In this way writing becomes an *acquired* habit, and poor writing will be impossible.

More attention should be given to physical culture in connection with our schools. A regular system of instruction is needed, with appropriate exercises, so that a healthful condition of the body may be maintained, and a proper muscular training may be given.

In most of the towns about us, the older pupils have instruction in military drill and in calisthenics, as a part of the regular work of the schools.

Has not the time arrived for something of the kind in connection with our school system ?

This question is recommended to the serious consideration of our citizens, with the assurance that we shall be glad to carry out their wishes in the matter.

Is it not also time to consider the wisdom of making some attempt at introducing some of the simpler kinds of hand-work into our school system ? Many of the towns and cities of our state already make provision for regular instruction in sewing, and in the elements of carpentry, for those pupils old enough to take these subjects with advantage.

They have found such instruction of advantage, not only as giving useful training, but as an aid to the regular work, claiming that by this means certain faculties that ordinary instruction fails to reach are developed and made stronger.

None of these things can be had without the money to pay for instruction and materials.

The committee are ready and willing to undertake the introduction of any or all these subjects, whenever they have an appropriation that will warrant it, but they are fixed in the purpose to keep the expenditures within the amount appropriated by the town.

It must be constantly borne in mind that the whole work of the schools is but a training in the formation of good or bad habits, physical, mental and moral.

There can be nothing neutral here, the training must be good or bad.

The pupils acquire the habit of attention or inattention, of order or disorder, of neatness or carelessness, of being thoughtful or thoughtless, of self-control or the opposite, of humanity or brutality, of refinement or coarseness in thought and action.

They are laying the foundations of noble character, or of weak, selfish, undisciplined, irresponsible manhood and womanhood.

They are overcoming inherited tendencies to evil, or are obstructing the influence of inherited good.

It is in this field that the teacher works, and it is a work of the deepest and most important character. It is a work not to be entered upon as one decides to learn a trade or go to work in a store, but it demands the consecration and devotion to duty of the highest and noblest of callings.

It should never be a mere wage-earning occupation, and those who are engaged in it only as a matter of business, must fail of the highest success. So must all those who measure their results chiefly by the accumulation of facts in the minds of their pupils, or by their per cent. in the examinations.

The good teacher makes the school a pleasant place, because she is pleasant in looks, in manners, in speech and in disposition.

She makes it a pleasant place because she is continually thinking of the good, and happiness of her pupils, and devising means to develop the former and to increase the latter.

She doesn't need to tell her pupils this; they know it as the flower knows the sun and turns to it for light and warmth.

She doesn't irritate the pupils by being irritable and out of sorts, and consequently nearly all the days are sunny.

She does not make the pupils feel that her work is a burden, and that she would far rather be in other society.

She doesn't snub them because they are children, nor does she try to make them feel that they are not as good as "grown up folks," for *she* doesn't feel that way.

There is a warm place in her heart for every one of them, and especially for those to whom the hearts of others perhaps may have grown cold.

Such a teacher will never make any pupil feel that she has a dislike to him and thus lose all influence for good over him, but she will make him feel his own mistakes and follies.

She will bear in mind the fact that many a rogue has a sensitive, tender heart, that harsh sarcasm pierces as with a knife and makes a wound that may never heal.

She will be extremely careful in making accusations of wrong-doing or wrong-speaking in cases about which there is any room for doubt, knowing that there is nothing that so rankles in a child's heart, as a sense of injustice, and of unfair treatment.

The good teacher will ever be on the alert to seize on new methods of teaching, and fresh illustrations; her enthusiasm for her work will be a perennial spring, always bubbling up in a clear and steady stream, not subject to temporary stagnation, nor sluggish in its flow.

The good teacher always remembers that "true education is the formation of character; and character is the outcome of habits so firmly fixed that they have become second nature," that such habits are built up by persistent and patient effort, and most effectually by the subtle, pervading influence of a true and noble example.

Is the standard here set for the teacher too high? We think not; and we may consider our town fortunate that so many of our teachers have earnestly strived to reach it. Let them feel that their efforts and their labors are appreciated.

Let us give them the encouraging word and the helping hand, and by our words and deeds make them feel that we believe that their work is second to none in importance, or in its far-reaching influences.

The usual statistics of the schools are herewith submitted as a part of this report.

J. O. NORRIS, *Chairman*,
S. W. BRADBURY, *Secretary*,
C. F. LORING,
A. B. P. WATERHOUSE,
JOHN C. MAKER,
A. K. MILLER,

School Committee.

*Aien Aristeuin.*GRADUATING EXERCISES,
MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL,

TOWN HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 28,

Commencing 7.45.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

CHORUS, "Song of the Vikings."

SALUTATORY ESSAY, New England Authors at Home.

HATTIE D. FIELD.

RECITATION, "The Maiden Martyr."

MINNIE E. BACKER.

CLASS CHRONICLES.

WALTER HENRY NORRIS.

BARITONE SOLO, "La Patria," *Mattei*

EDWARD P. FAY PHILLIPS.

ESSAY, Woman's Opportunity,

BLANCHE S. JACOBS.

DECLAMATION, "Roscoe Conkling," *Ingersoll*

ALBERT M. FRENCH.

GREEK ESSAY, Helen at the Scaean Gate.

SARAH E. MORSE.

PART II.

CHORUS, "The Vesper Bells," *J. Eichberg*

AWARDING THE PRIZES OF THE FRANKLIN FRATERNITY.

CLASS PROPHECY.

ERNEST W. EMERY.

ESSAY, An Unsolved Problem.

FRITZ H. SMALL.

RECITATION, "The Three Lovers," *Will Carleton*

E. ANNIE WHELDEN.

ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY, Some Scraps of Greek Literature.

EDWARD P. FAY PHILLIPS.

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS.

PARTING SONG. *Tufts*

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

L. MINNIE E. BACKER.

L. ARUHUR L. HALE.

L. MARY BERTHA CORSON.

L. FRANK B. HOLMES.

L. LILLIAN S. CROCKER.

P. HENRY V. JAMIESON.

L. HATTIE D. FIELD.

L. JOHN J. KEATING.

P. EDITH G. HOCKING.

E. GEORGE H. KITCHING.

L. BLANCHE S. JACOBS.

L. CHARLES H. LERNED.

C. SARAH E. MORSE.

E. MELDON A. MERRILL.

L. E. ANNIE WHELDEN.

L. ALFRED E. NORRIS.

C. ERNEST W. EMERY.

E. WALTER HENRY NORRIS.

L. ALBERT M. FRENCH.

E. FRANK M. ORCUTT.

C. WALTER S. GIBBONS.

C. EDWARD P. FAY PHILLIPS.

C. FRITZ H. SMALL.

E. English Course. L. Latin Course. C. College Course. P. Partial Course.

HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

PARTS FOR GRADUATION.

Selected for Best Scholarship.—Edward P. Fay Phillips, Hattie D. Field, Blanche S. Jacobs, Fritz H. Small.

Selected for Excellence in Composition.—Sarah E. Morse.

Selected by the Teachers.—Meldon A. Merrill, E. Annie Whelden, Albee M. French.

Selected by the Class.—Minnie E. Backer, Walter Henry Norris, Ernest W. Emery.

Honorable mention of the following scholars is made for excellence in literature and mathematics:—

First Class.

LITERATURE.

Hattie D. Field
Sarah E. Morse
Fritz H. Small
Ernest W. Emery
Meldon A. Merrill
Edward P. Fay Phillips
Blanche S. Jacobs

MATHEMATICS.

Frank B. Holmes
Fritz H. Small
John J. Keating
Walter H. Norris
Alfred E. Norris

Second Class.

Isadora C. Barrett
Ambrose C. Dearborn
Marion E. Bradbury
Helen L. Burr
Julian C. Woodman
Fred L. Hoffman
Lillian K. Morse

Isadora C. Barrett
Alice L. White
Edward S. Page
Helen L. Burr
Julian C. Woodman
Harry Vinton

Third Class.

Grace L. Albee
Grace B. Carr
Fred H. Hodge
Eva W. Guild
Edward A. Tucker
Grace L. Bradbury

Melliss H. McKoy
J. Edward McCullough
Herbert M. Cox
Fred H. Hodge
Edward A. Tucker

Fourth Class.

LITERATURE.

Sara C. Bryant
Maud L. Sanford
Mary L. Loring
Sarah M. Fisher
Emma J. Norris

MATHEMATICS.

Alice M. Burr
George G. Norris
Etta M. Taylor
Sadie M. Lane
Lottie H. Waitt
Sarah J. Twitchell

FRANKLIN FRATERNITY PRIZES.

Subjects for prizes in literature were chosen by the teachers as follows:—

Chaucer, The Prologue, First Class.

Merchant of Venice, Second Class.

Snow Bound, Third Class.

Elizabethan Period, Fourth Class.

Each scholar to choose from the above subjects and not to be limited to the author named for a particular class.

Prizes were awarded Thursday evening, June 28, 1888, as follows:—

Special prize in literature to Sarah E. Morse.

First prize to Edward P. Fay Phillips.

Second prize to Grace L. Bradbury.

Special prize in Geometry to Fritz H. Small.

First prize in Geometry, Isadora Barrett.

First prize in Algebra, Maud S. Sanford.

Honorable mention, Alfred E. Norris, Harry Vinton.

GRADUATES OF FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

June 28, 1888.

Emma F. Anderson
Bessie L. Atwood
Rebecca L. Atwood
Maud F. Barrett
Walter Barrett
Inez E. Batchelder
Ralph Bradbury
Roger W. Campbell
Ernest L. Carr
Marie H. Cass
Lula Cilley
Emma I. Coburn
William L. Cochran
Sarah Conant
Grace E. Cook
Walter E. Curry
Albert E. Day
Edith S. Dermot
John A. Duffey
Orville H. Dow
Eugene F. Ehlert
Mary G. Ellis
Ella M. Fisher
Susie M. Flint
Addison K. Gilmore
William T. Gordon
Theodore A. Grant
Walter D. Harding
George H. Harmon
Alice M. Harris
Mary C. Hartshorne
Hattie E. Hayes

George W. Hill
Susie A. Holt
Frank A. Hunt
Edith B. Hunt
Carl N. Jackson
Edward H. Jeffery
Philip S. Keating
Anna M. Kitching
Winslow L. Leighton
Charles S. Loring
Ethel J. MacLachlan
Grace E. Marsh
Alice K. Marshall
Helen M. Marshall
Arthur H. Merritt
Isabelle H. Murray
Harry R. Patten
Annie F. Prescott
James H. Raisbeck
Ida M. Rink
Effie L. Shapleigh
Albert E. Small
Clifford Sprunt
Theodore E. Thayer
Carrie N. Thompson
Alice M. Tufts
Frank Wentworth
Elizabeth Whowell
Herbert D. White
Lily Wooldridge
Alida C. Zappey

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Schools.

Appropriation,	\$21,500 00	
Unexpended balance, 1887,	237 65	
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	91 82	
Tuition of Children,	20 00	
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		\$21,849 47

Expended.

Teachers' salaries,	\$17,657 50	
Janitors' "	1,363 78	
Committee's salaries,	450 00	
Supply agent, salary,	125 04	
Fuel,	2,224 30	
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		\$21,840 62
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Balance unexpended,		\$8 85

School Contingent.

Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
Balance unexpended, 1887,	429 08	
Received for books,	1 46	
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		\$4,430 54

Expended.

Books, stationery, supplies, etc.,	\$1,713 07	
General repairs,	1,800 37	
Furniture,	52 48	
Printing,	65 40	
Sundries,	177 97	
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		\$3,809 29
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Balance unexpended,		\$621 25

AGENT'S REPORT.

Value of text books and supplies in stock Jan.	
1, 1888,	\$399 47
Value of text books and supplies purchased	
from Jan. 1, 1888 to Jan. 1, 1889,	1,526 25
Value of text books and supplies issued to	
schools, from Jan. 1, 1888, to Jan. 1, 1889,	1,329 67
Value of text books and supplies in hand of	
agent, Jan. 1, 1889,	596 05
Received for books and slates lost or injured,	1 46
Paid to town treasurer,	1 46

A. K. MILLER,
Supply Agent.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum number, Jan. 1 to July 1,	Av. attendance, Jan. 1 to July 1.	Maximum number, Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.	Av. attendance, Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.	Number of pupils Jan. 1, 1889.	Per cent of attendance for the year.	Average age, Dec. 31, 1888.	
							Yrs.	Mos.
HIGH, First class.....	23	22.5	19	18.3	18	97.4	17	5
Second class.....	16	15.5	17	16.7	17	97.3	16	5
Third class.....	23	22	43	42	43	96	16	5
Fourth class.....	48	46.5	53	47.2	51	93	15	6
Totals.....	110	106.6	132	124.2	129			
8th grade, Miss Fairbanks } and Miss Sweetser. }.....	98	83	98	92	95	94	14	3
7th grade, Miss French.....	46	37	45	38.5	45	91	13	2
7th " " Sweett.....	47	38	45	41	44	95	13	4
7th " " Mendum }.....	41	32	47	42	43	96	13	0
6th " " Melcher.....	44	40	46	41	46	90	12	4
6th " " Barrett.....	57	50	54	50	55	95	12	5
5th " " George.....	39	36	55	52	54	94	...	...
5th " Mrs. Bascom.....	52	45	56	49	56	94	11	6
5th and 4th grade, Miss Mitchel.....	59	46.5	66	53.5	61	92.3	11	6
4th and 3rd " " Davis.....	57	46.3	60	55.2	60	86	9	...
" " " " Guptill.....	51	43	58	50	54	90.8	10	6
" " " " Ellis.....	30	22.4	26	20.3	22	86.3	10	2
" " " " Long.....	53	46.4	54	47.5	50	93	9	7
" " " " Weeks.....	24	20	32	28.6	33	93.1	10	2
3rd and 2d " " Plummer.....	58	42	53	44	54	88.3	8	5
2d " Mrs. Dermot.....	43	38	40	37	42	94.2	8	...
2d and 1st " Miss Chapin.....	70	51.2	59	49.3	56	78	6	7
" " " Mrs. Crosby.....	62	41.6	56	53	54	90.3	6	10
" " " Miss Nye.....	39	26.8	21	17.8	20	87.7	7	3
" " " Smith.....	41	28.3	38	32.1	35	94.7	6	9
1st " " Randlett.....	67	40	45	31	40	80.2	6	2
" " " Ransom.....	41	32.8	38	31.3	36	84.5	6	2
MIXED SCHOOLS.								
Upham street, Miss Chadbourne.....	52	25.5	53	50	50	79.9	7	9
Ripley, Miss Morgan.....	33	25.2	43	36.8	44	84.2	...	...
Green street, Miss Perry.....			44	33.5	39	81.5	8	11
Totals.....	1314	1043.6	1364	1200.6	1317			

Total number of pupils enrolled	Jan. 1, 1886	.	.	1,098
" " " " "	Jan. 1, 1887	.	.	1,151
" " " " "	Jan. 1, 1888	.	.	1,251
" " " " "	Jan. 1, 1889	.	.	1,317

Increase during	1886	.	.	.	.	.	53
"	"	1887	.	.	.	.	100
"	"	1888	.	.	.	.	66

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

NAMES.	SCHOOLS.	SALARIES
Alonzo G. Whitman	High, Principal.....	\$2,000
Clarimond Mansfield	High, Assistant	625
Hattie G. Ricker	High, Assistant.....	625
A. A. Ballou	High, Assistant.....	800
Harriet C. Fairbanks.....	Eighth grade, Principal	1,000
Effie C. Sweetser	Eighth grade, Assistant.....	550
M. W. French.....	Seventh grade, Emerson St.....	550
Alice M. Swett	Seventh grade, Emerson St.....	600
Lydia Mendum.....	Seventh and sixth grades, Franklin	550
Susan D. Melcher.....	Sixth grade, Centre.....	550
Helen J. Barrett	Sixth grade, Grove St.	550
Mary J. George.....	Fifth grade, Centre.....	500
Kate W. Bascomb.....	Fifth grade, Grove St.....	500
Belle Milchel	Fifth and fourth grades, Franklin	500
Lillie J. Davis	Fourth and third grades, Centre	500
Alma J. Guptil.....	Fourth and third grades, Grove St.....	500
Florence Ellis	Fourth and third grades, Lynde St.	500
Alice H. Long.....	Fourth and third grades, Vinton St.....	500
Emma A. Weeks	Fourth and third grades, Converse.....	450
Mary A. Plummer	Third and second grades, Franklin.....	450
Lucy F. Dermot	Second grade, Vinton St.....	500
Isabel Chapin.....	Second and first grades, Centre.....	500
Della H. Crosby	Second and first grades, Grove St.	500
Mary E. Nye	Second and first grades, Lynde St.....	450
Gertrude Smith.....	Second and first grades, Converse.....	450
Emma L. Randlett	First grade, Franklin.....	500
Annie M. Ransom	First grade, Vinton St.....	450
Annie Chadbourne	Mixed school, Upham St.	450
Marion H. Morgan	Mixed school, Ripley.....	450
Florence M. Perry.....	Mixed school, Green St.....	450
Harry Benson	Music	350
Wallace Bryant.....	Drawing.....	225
Total		\$18,075

JANITORS.

NAMES.	SCHOOLS.	SALARIES
J. W. Boyce	High school	\$324
Felix Blanchard	Centre, Grove St., Vinton St.....	525
C. H. Fuller	Franklin, Green St.....	235
W. F. Serrat	Lynde St.....	100
Joseph Emerson.....	Converse school.....	100
Eri Upham	Upham	60
John Davis	Ripley	60
Total		\$1,404

WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in the
County of Middlesex :* GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, on MONDAY, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1889, at 7 o'clock, A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Statutes of 1878, in relation to the election of a Board of Selectmen consisting of three members, who shall be elected as follows : one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, on petition of M. S. Page and others.

3. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Statutes of the year 1878, in relation to the election of a Board of Assessors consisting of three members, who shall be elected as follows : one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, on petition of M. S. Page and others.

4. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of the year 1871, in relation to the election of a Board of Road Commissioners, on petition of Wingate P. Sargent and others.

5. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Highway Surveyors or Road Commissioners, as the Town may decide, two Water Commissioners, one for two years and one for three years, Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, Park Commissioner for three years, three Auditors, two School Committee for three years, Library Trustees and Constables.

Upon a separate ballot to bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?" Form and size of ballots to be as prescribed in Chapter 49, Acts of 1886.

6. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
7. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
8. To raise money for Schools.
9. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
10. To raise money for Highways.
11. To raise money for Sidewalks.
12. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.
13. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
14. To raise money for the Fire Department.
15. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lights.
16. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
17. To raise money for Police and Watchmen.
18. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
19. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
20. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
21. To raise money for the Public Library.
22. To raise money to defray the expenses of the Board of Health.
23. To raise money for the use of Water, in hydrants, public buildings, etc.
24. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.
25. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.
26. To raise money for the purposes for which the Treasurer has been authorized to borrow and the Selectmen to expend during the past year, and for any other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.
27. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.
28. To authorize the Town Treasurer to issue Water Fund Bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of construction for the ensuing year.
29. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$200 for keeping in repair and decorating the graves of Soldiers on Memorial Day.
30. To see if the Town will raise money to grade and improve the "Soldiers' Lot" in Wyoming Cemetery, as set apart by the Selectmen.
31. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$400

to improve the Town Common, on petition of William N. Folsom and others.

32. To see if the Town will remove a ledge on Upham street, near the schoolhouse, and appropriate money for the same.

33. To see if the Town will pay the Fire Department the sum of \$50 each, per annum, on petition of J. H. Edwards and other members of the Department.

34. To see if the Town will refund to the Boston Rubber Shoe Company the sum of sixty dollars and eighty cents, the same being amount of taxes improperly assessed upon personal property belonging to said company in the years 1886 and 1887.

35. To see if the Town will build a sidewalk on Otis street, and appropriate money for the same, on petition of B. L. J. Grady and others.

36. To see if the Town will change the names of the following streets, viz: First street to Sprague street, Second street to Barrett street, and third street to Boardman street, on petition of the Melrose Improvement Society and others.

37. To see if the Town will print the Town Records, from its incorporation, including the Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded in the Clerk's Office, by request of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

38. To see if the Town will raise money to remove the ledge on Vinton street, opposite the estate of S. E. Sewall, and otherwise improve said street, northerly.

39. To see if the Town will accept the following streets, as laid out by the Selectmen, viz:

1. An extension from Mount Vernon street, easterly.

2. Street running from Wyoming avenue southerly to the proposed extension of Mount Vernon street.

3. Summer street as re-located, widened and also extended from its junction with Lynde street to Linwood avenue.

4. Street running southerly from Upham street to First street, now known as "Eleventh street."

5. An extension of First street, easterly.

6. Street running from First street to Grove street, now known as "Sixth street."

7. Street running from Upham street to First street, now known as "Eighth street."

8. An extension of Bellevue avenue, northerly from Porter street to Linden street.

9. Street running from the extension of Bellevue avenue to Porter street, now known as Batchelder street.

10. Street running from Main street to the northerly end of Crystal Lake, thence to Melrose street, now known as Crystal street.

11. Street running from Franklin street, northerly to Greenwood street.

12. Street running from Woodland street, westerly to West Hill avenue (so called) now known as Botolph street.

13. Street running from Botolph street southerly to Franklin street, now known as West Hill avenue.

14. Street running from Sargent street westerly to Cliff street (so called) now known as Highland avenue.

15. Street running from Franklin street northerly to Highland avenue (so called) now known as Pratt street.

16. Street running from Franklin street northerly to Highland avenue (so called) now known as Cliff street.

17. Street running from Trenton street westerly, now known as Russell street.

18. Street running from Russell street, so called, to Wyoming avenue, now known as Wing street.

19. An extension of Charles street, northerly.

20. Street running from and returning to Vinton street, now known as High street.

21. Street running from Main street easterly, by the entrance to Wyoming Cemetery, known as Sylvan street, as widened and straightened.

ART. 40. To raise money for the building and grading of new streets which may be accepted at this meeting.

41. To hear and act upon the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, each of the Post Offices and Depots in the town, not less than seven days before the day appointed for said meeting, and by leaving printed copies of the Warrant at the dwellings of legal voters before the day of meeting.

Hereof fail not, and made due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

LEVI S. GOULD,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Melrose.</i>
JOHN P. DEERING,	
CHARLES W. HIGGINS,	

A true copy. Attest,

ANSEL B. PIERCE, Constable.